

'Separation' Upheld By Hawaii Court

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS)—On December 12, 1968 Chief Judge Richardson of the Supreme Court of Hawaii in *Spears v. Henda*, struck down the "child-benefit theory" as an excuse to furnish bus transportation to church schools at taxpayers' expense.

Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii provides that no public funds shall be "appropriated for support or benefit of any sectarian or private educational institution."

The state legislature passed an act under which it assumed responsibility for the transportation of school children to church schools. The Board of Education under the act subsidized bus transportation to school children attending both public and sectarian schools. The Board of Education argued that the bus subsidy law constituted "support or benefit" to school children attending church schools, not to the schools. This argument is known as the "child-benefit theory."

The court held that the framers of the State Constitution had "specifically

rejected the child-benefit theory as applied to bus transportation and similar welfare programs for nonpublic school students." It further held: "We find that the framers did not open the door one bit. The language of the Constitution itself is unequivocal. It explicitly states: 'No shall public funds be appropriated for the support or benefit of a sectarian or private educational institution.'"

The court relied heavily on *Matthews v. Quilton* where the Supreme Court of Alaska outlawed a statute requiring taxpayer support for parochial school buses.

Chief Justice Richardson also ruled: "... the subsidy induces attendance at nonpublic schools, where the school children are exposed to a curriculum that, in many cases, if not generally, promotes the special interests and biases of the nonpublic group that controls the school. Finally, to the extent that the State pays out funds to carriers owned by the nonpublic schools or agents thereof, the State is giving tangible 'support or benefit' to such schools."

NEWS BRIEFS

High Court Hears Debate On Church Property

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The U.S. Supreme Court took under advisement the involved question of who is rightful owner of church property when a congregation disaffiliates from the parent organization because of doctrinal differences.

In oral argument stretching over two days, the Justices repeatedly had to keep the focus on whether there was a real issue for the Court as a civil body or whether it falls exclusively under the pale of church government.

Charles L. Gowan, attorney for the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) insisted that a dissident congregation in Savannah had no right to approve the civil courts of Georgia to settle the issue.

When the congregation affiliated with the denomination in the 1800s, he said, they, like other Presbyterians, turned over their church property in "implied trust" to the denomination.

Church School 'Aid' Drive To Begin

INDIANAPOLIS (EP)—Aid to private and parochial schools is expected to become an issue in Indiana in 1969 as Catholics and some Protestants in the state seek support of the so-called "Junior G.I. Bill."

A pamphlet sent to all of the state's newspapers warns that if private schools are forced to close for lack of funds, the cash to Indiana's taxpayers would be \$87.3 million annually.

Dr. Arthur L. Amt, superintendent of the Department of Christian Education for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Indiana, is quoted in the pamphlet as saying, "We are simply trying to create an awareness of the public purpose served by non-public schools."

2,000 Attend Baptist Crusade In Chicago

CHICAGO (EP)—Some 2,000 Baptists representing half a dozen different conventions attended a Crusade of the Americas rally in Chicago despite a two-inch snowfall and a last minute change of meeting place.

The Moody Memorial Church decided not to permit the use of its building because the church's board of directors objected to the theological views (Continued on page 2)

Message For World Alliance Sunday

FEBRUARY 3

William Carey, the pioneer missionary, made Baptist look at a map, not in terms of colonization, but in terms of men and their eternal destiny.

Should there not be a large map of the world in every Baptist church to remind us that "God has no favorites" (Romans 2:11)? The map should remind us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). The map should remind us that in the fellowship and service of Jesus Christ we are members of a world-wide Christian family reaching out into more than 120 countries of the world.

On Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Baptists throughout the world recognize their differences, which are various and many, and emphasize their unity. It is the occasion when before God we lift this unity out of the academic and make positive that which so often remains passive.

Our Baptist unity lies not in the structure of a world church or an organization which joins together the scattered ends of our fellowship. Our unity is basic in Jesus Christ. Our unity surmounts our differences and reaches across the barriers of a divided world. "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

The day in which we live is a constant and vigorous challenge to the Christian church. We live in a sad, disillusioned and revolutionary world torn asunder by its wars, confused by its politics, and bitterly prejudiced by its inequalities and injustices. Wherever we live in the world we should be concerned for the life and welfare of the society in which God has placed us. God has placed some of his people in situations that are hard, hostile and dangerous.



Officers of the World Alliance Sunday, 1968, standing at the Baptist Building, Chicago, Jan. 3.

From left: W. B. Brown, Jr., president; Dr. Samuel Shepherd, vice-president; Dr. Samuel Shepherd, vice-president; Dr. Samuel Shepherd, vice-president; Dr. Samuel Shepherd, vice-president. At right is Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

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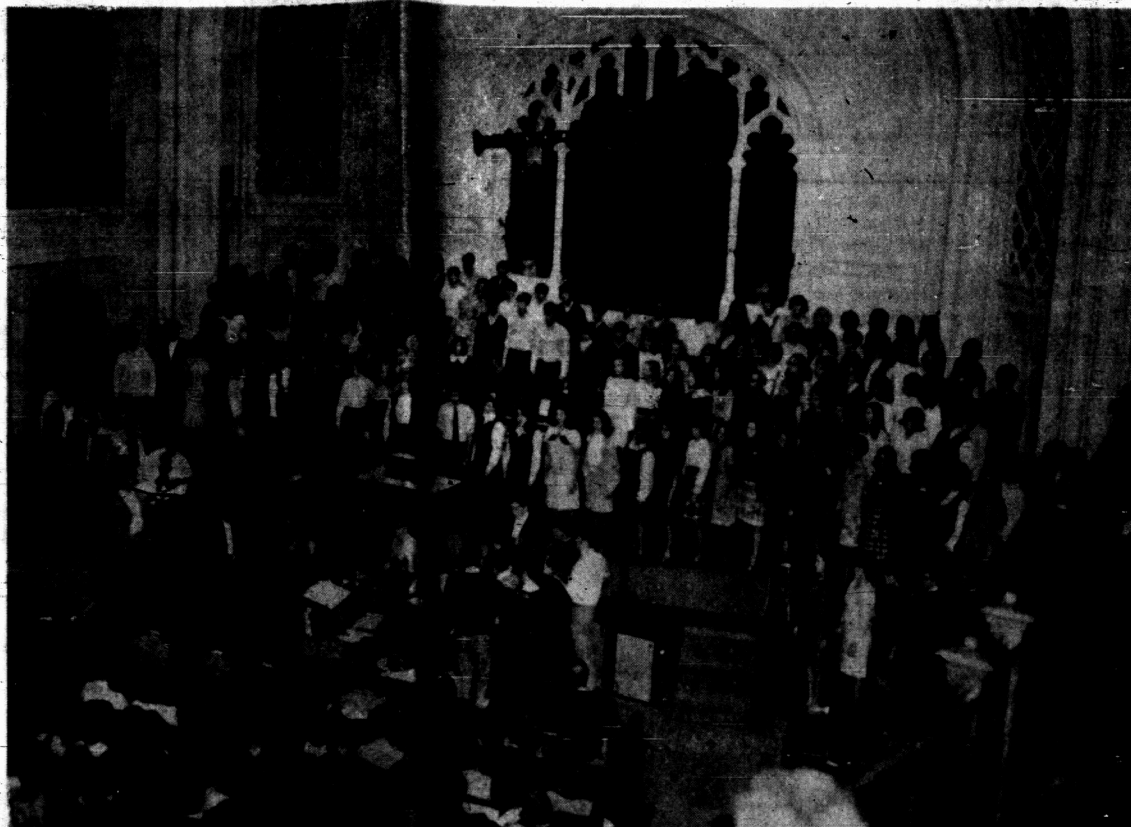
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Gulfshore Bible Conference Set



A CHOIR OF 160 voices rendered the folk musical "Good News" at a Watch Night service Dec. 31 at First Baptist Church in Jackson. Directing was Dan C. Hall, state Baptist music director. Accompanying was a 12-piece string orchestra.

62 Make Decisions In Watch Night Service

By Joe Abrams

Anyone thinks that all of the young people have gone to the devil, should have been in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Jackson on New Year's Eve from 10:30 until just past midnight.

If the devil had seen fit to look in at that time he would have seen much that would have disturbed him. And if he had stayed through until the "sweet" end, he would have witnessed a sight that would have perhaps even distressed him.

The sanctuary of the historic church was filled to overflowing with Baptist young people and a few adult leaders from every section of the state for a Watch Night Service which was the concluding feature of the Mississippi Baptist Twin Conventions held December 30-31.

The impressive service began at 10:30 p.m. and concluded with the call to commitment extended by Dr. Ralph Langley, of Houston, Texas, who had spoken earlier in the program, urging the young people to beware of being spectators only and to become involved in the Christian faith.

Sixty-two young people responded to the call, with six of them upon profession of faith.

About one-half of the others were for rededication of life with the other half coming for some type of commitment to full-time Christian service or church-related vocation. Immediately prior to the call to commitment a 160-voice choir of young people rendered "Good News," a religious folk musical.

Soon after Dr. Langley began his appeal several young people, spontaneously both from the choir and the audience, went to the platform and removed the microphone from the hands of Dr. Langley and made personal appeals, some even giving brief testimonies.

The young people who responded showed a genuine concern, some even with tears streaming down their cheeks.

Those who responded were met at the front by adult leaders and ushered to a counseling room where their decisions were registered and further counseling provided in some cases.

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DR. RALPH LANGLEY, Houston, Texas, speaker, makes appeal to young people.

We take this opportunity of speaking to those of our Baptist people who are separated from their fellow believers by political barriers and where governments deny the liberty to serve Christ without hindrance. We assure them that they are remembered as an integral part of our life and work. We speak to the minority groups who so often face hardships and opposition and assure them that they have equal standing and are held in equal esteem with all our world fellowship. We would speak with one voice and declare our hate of the injustices, inequalities and prejudices which in time past crucified the Son of God and today divide man from man and nation from nation.

On this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, let us declare that a world which disregards God and the love and righteousness revealed in Christ is a world that is treading the path of inevitable destruction. "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish" (Deuteronomy 8:19).

Let us turn together to the place of our redemption and renew our love in the presence of the Saviour of the world. Let us dwell in the love that saves souls and changes enemies and inspires sacrifice and delights in service.

Let us pray for each other that the Spirit of God may be upon us and the life of Christ within us as we unite in our one task throughout the world to bring men to the knowledge of his saving power and to extend the bounds of his Kingdom.

—THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

William R. Tolbert, President; Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary; Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary; C. Ronald Goulding, Associate Secretary; Frank H. Woyke, Associate Secretary.

Lunar Flight Directed By MC Grad

The flight of Apollo 8 was in the hands of a 1968 graduate of Mississippi College.

Serving as flight director of the mission to the moon and return was Clifford Eugene Charlesworth, a native of Minnesota who now calls Jackson his home.

The 37-year old flight director is an alumnus of Mississippi College in Clinton, receiving the bachelor of science degree with distinction in 1966.

Prior to entering Mississippi College, Charlesworth was a member of Central High in Jackson and was a member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to direct the team of ground controllers.

While at Mississippi College he was a straight "A" student in physics and also received top grades in mathematics and chemistry.

His application for admission to Mississippi College indicated his interest in science, but little did he realize at that time that he would be directing man's first venture to the moon.

Charlesworth entered the civilian space program relatively late, but has worked hard to accelerate his career. He has risen through the ranks of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to direct the team of ground controllers.

Charlesworth was involved in the Apollo 8 mission to the moon. He will also be involved in the Apollo 9 mission.

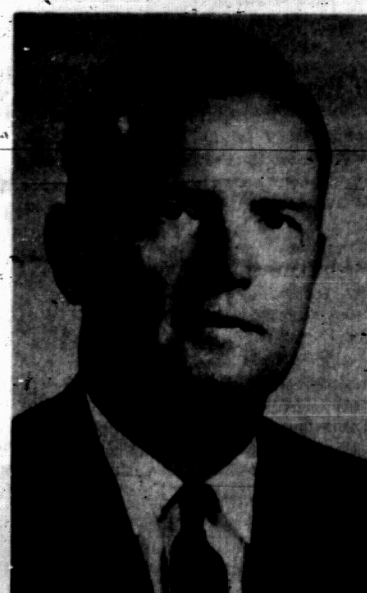
Apollo 8 was an almost perfect flight, but had any changes been necessary Charlesworth would have been the man to order them.

He started his career after high school by working as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator, having decided not to go to college because, as he recollected, "I thought I was smart enough as it was."

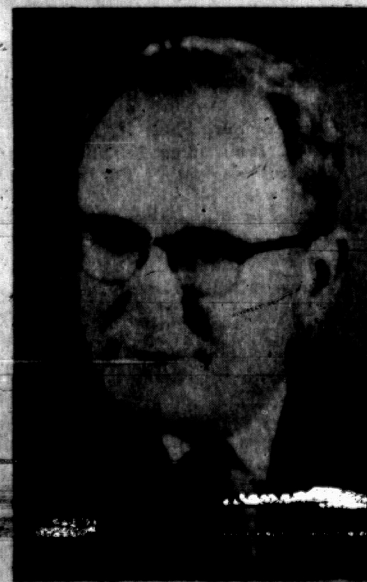
His outlook changed after he was called into military service with the National Guard during the Korean War. After his discharge, he realized that if he continued in construction work "I would be doing the same thing as that I was doing at the time."

Charlesworth was born Nov. 20, 1931, in Redwing, Minn., but moved with his family as a boy to Jackson.

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Dr. Duke McCall



Dr. Baker J. Cauthen

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The opening prayer for the service was led by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, host pastor.

Congregational singing was led by Doug Scott, minister of music of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama.

"Good News" was directed by Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department.

Accompanying the choir was a string orchestra, including seven guitars, bass violin, drums, marimba and two pianos.



KERMIT S. KING, Training Union director, greets Rev. Homer Martinez, of Fort Worth, Texas, speaker, at the Twin Conventions as several look on. From left: Mr. King; Mr. Martinez; Miss Suzy Fulton, Greenwood; David Gooch, Columbus, and Rev. Richard Pass, Natchez.



DOUG SCOT, MOBILE, Ala., was one of two song leaders during Twin Conventions.



THE SANCTUARY OF THE First Baptist Church in Jackson was filled to overflowing for the Watch Night service.

Alcoholics Almost Twice As Likely To Die Early

Alcoholics almost twice as likely to die early reported Dr. Per Sundby, a psychiatrist at the University of Oslo, Norway.

The report was based on a study of 1722 male patients discharged from a psychiatric department in Oslo, between 1925 and 1939, and followed until 1962.

In none of the 17 specific causes of death studied was the mortality rate for alcoholics lower than for the average population.

To name a few of the disturbing findings:

1. Alcoholics were more than 11 times more likely to die from cancer of the larynx and the upper digestive tract.
2. Suicide was 8 times more likely.
3. Cirrhosis of the liver was almost 10 times as common.
4. Accidents were 2.7 times more frequent.
5. The incidence of syphilis was 4.6 times greater.

Some of the figures in this report would suggest that the alcoholism led to a change in the style of life which, in turn, resulted in the disease. However, Dr. Sundby compared skidrow types in the study with other alcoholics and found no significant difference in mortality.

Many Changes Occur In Home Missions, 1960's

NASHVILLE (BP) — There have been more changes in home missions during the 1960's than any other decade in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, an official of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board said here.

Fred Moseley, speaking to the state directors of missions attending the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here, added however, that the basic emphases of the Home Mission Board have not changed.

Moseley identified the major thrusts of home missions as (1) evangelism, (2) starting new churches, and (3) ministering to persons of special need and circumstances.

In the decade of the 1960's, there have been some obvious shifts in home missions approaches, said Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. He cited these changes.

—About 75 per cent of the Home Mission Board staff has come in the 1960's.

—The budget of the Board (approximately \$15 million) is three times what it was in 1950.

—About one-third more missionaries are now under appointment by the Board than in 1950.

—The staff of the Board is 2½ times that it was in 1950.

No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come.—Victory Hugo

It is strange how much you have to know before you know how little you know.

Lunar Flight - - -

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Miss., and regards Jackson as his hometown.

The young NASA official met his wife, the former Jewell Davis, in high school. They now have two children, David 7, and Leslie 5.

When he finally decided to go to college following service, his wife worked as a secretary to help him get through. After graduating from Mississippi College he worked as a civilian scientist for the Navy, concentrating first on the problems of underwater mines in Panama City, Fla.

He then switched to missile development, because "I could see it was the coming thing." He worked on the Navy's Tartar and Terrier vehicles in Corona City, Calif., but he claimed the Navy job was "not stressing enough."

Charlesworth worked briefly on the Army's Pershing missile program before joining NASA in 1962.

Christopher C. Kraft, Jr., the director of flight operations at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, said the Mississippi College graduate advanced rapidly because of his "maturity, leadership and understanding of mission planning."

Charlesworth worked as a flight dynamics officer on Mercury and Gemini missions and served as the flight director of Gemini 2. Later, he was an assistant flight director on the first launching of the mammoth Saturn 5 rocket, and was the flight director on the second launching.

To what does he attribute his success? He said, "Work, luck and being in the right place at the right time."

89 Suits Of Clothes Sent To Pastors In Northern Plains Body

Suits of clothes have been sent to the 89 pastors in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to the cause.

The Committee undertook to raise the money for the suits and T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, said that those who will want to help may do so since the full amount to pay for all the suits has not been contributed to date.

Those who wish to contribute are asked to send their remittance to him at 316 Robinson Road, Jackson. Checks or money orders should be made out to "Pioneer Missions Committee" and marked "Suits for Pastors."

The Northern Plains Baptist Convention is composed of the states of Montana, Wyoming and North and South Dakota, with headquarters in Rapid City, S.D.

This is a pioneer mission area where the churches are small and pastors' salaries are inadequate, Mr. Walton said.

Evangelism Leaders Hear Crusade Plans

NASHVILLE (BP)—Let there be no let-down in evangelism in 1970 following the Crusade of the Americas, state secretaries of evangelism were told during their group sessions at the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here.

Jack Stanton, associate director in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, revealed plans for an evangelistic film ministry, a magazine for non-Christians, designed for distribution in homes, schools, and business offices, and materials for special thrusts in evangelism in ghettos, poverty centers, academic communities, youth groups, and industry.

He also said a seven-week "Strength for Living Emphasis" blending both old and new methods, will be available for use by churches in 1969-70.

Plans for three nationwide color telecasts in March and April were explained by Stanton. Scheduled for prime evening time, the telecasts feature Billy Graham, commentator Paul Harvey as narrator, The Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, and The Tuneclippers, a youth group.

The Home Mission Board is underwriting the costs of purchasing time in 30 metropolitan areas across the United States — representing 75% of the

viewing audience. Some state conventions plan to secure additional outlets. Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission produced the telecasts.

In addition to reports on Crusade-related activities, the state leaders in evangelism received information on advances in campus and metropolitan evangelism.

Books are the ever-burning lamp of accumulated wisdom.

The human mind doesn't have to be stuffed with information. It just has to be open.

Sessions Show New Periodicals

NASHVILLE (BP) Discussion of new periodicals for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools in the 1970's dominated Sunday School sessions of the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here.

The periodicals, all bearing new titles, will serve as vehicles for the curriculum area of the Bible teaching and training programs of a church. Among the new materials is a weekly story paper for non-readers for use in the home by parents and church visitors. The story paper will relate to other preschool materials.

Other new periodicals include a leisure-time magazine and alternate units for college students in Sunday School and Training Union.

Supplementary helps, designed for all age groups, include leaflets, test booklets, and picture sets. All materials, including quarterlies and teacher supplements, are designed to support the new grouping — grading

system churches will begin using in October, 1970.

Vacation Bible School materials for 1970 will follow the theme, "Learning How God Works." Included are administration materials, field service

promotional materials and other interpretive pieces. The materials will have a life of one year.

Periodicals will carry more modern art and modern photography, Sunday School leaders said.

Church Administration Workers Available

Nine Mississippi Baptist leaders have been announced as Church Administration approved workers, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department.

These men have been trained by the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and are available to churches and associations on a limited basis.

Churches having needs in any area of church administration are asked to contact one of the men or Rev. Leon Emery, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, who carries the responsibility of this particular promotion. The address is P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

The areas included are church planning, pastoral ministries, training of church councils, church officers and committees, and others.



Six of the nine Church Administration approved workers are, from left: Rev. Kermit Sharp, pastor Marion Church; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor Woodville Heights Church, Jackson; Rev. James A. Jeffreys, pastor Hebrew Church, Sardis; Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department; Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor First Church, Starkville; Rev. Leon Emery, associate in Cooperative Missions Department. (Not pictured are: Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions, Gulf Coast Association; Maurice Hodges, educational director, First Church, Amory; and Rev. J. D. Lundy, superintendent of missions, Washington Association.)

MC Gets \$1500 Grant

Mississippi College officials have announced the receipt of a \$1500 grant from the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., under its Shell Assists Program, for use during the current school year.

According to Walter M. Upchurch, Jr., senior vice-president of Shell Companies Foundation, this is the tenth consecutive year Mississippi College has been included in the program.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, said the money will be used for three separate \$500 grants as stipulated by the Shell Foundation.

The first grant will be used to purchase books for use as the

second grant will be used for general faculty development, while the third \$500 will be for additional professional development of individual faculty members.

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and pacifist stand of one of the speakers, Culbert Rutenber.

The offending individual, president of the American Baptist Convention and a professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Center, Mass., was one of three major speakers for the rally. The meeting was moved to Medina Temple and all publicity pieces changed.

Alcoholism Blamed For Ghetto Unemployment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Alcoholism is being underscored by the Labor Department as a major cause of ghetto unemployment.

"Alcoholism is a factor to be faced in placing participants in national manpower training and development programs which aim at full employment in an expanding economy," the department's Manpower Administration said in a statement.

"A good job is also a factor in helping such persons to battle their problems," it said.

French Baptists Name Evangelism Developer

PARIS—The French Baptist Federation has appointed Jose Ventura of Marseilles as a representative of its home mission board. Ventura's task will be to help the 22 mission posts of the federation develop evangelism campaigns.

Ventura, a former pastor of the Baptist church serving the communities of Bethune and Drury, will live in the Paris area when he assumes his new post in April. More recently, he has been with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. During the 18 months of his appointment, the federation will also investigate the development of regional evangelism crusades.

The 22 home mission posts are places of worship which are not yet formally organized into churches.—(EBPS)

Karl Barth Dead At 82

BASEL, Switzerland (EP)—Death, as he slept, took world renowned theologian Karl Barth here Dec. 10, robbing the world of a widely read and quoted Protestant educator.

Barth was the author of 10 volumes elaborating a formidable and intricate Protestantism that stressed the spiritual nature of true religion—faith in Christ, the Church of Christ and the Bible as His witness.

As a young clergyman during World War I Barth published his first bombshell attack on the dominant "liberal" theology of the day. He was an outspoken critic of the Third Reich as a professor at the University of Bonn and was arrested and expelled from Germany in 1935.

Jewish Schools Hit By Vandalism

NEW YORK (RNS)—Three Hebrew Day Schools damaged in a flash of vandalism and arson in late November were given an emergency grant of \$200,000 by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Samuel J. Silberman, president of the Federation, said it was the first time in its 51-year history that the agency had given a financial grant to a non-member agency. Normally it distributes funds only to 130 medical, health, recreational and social service member agencies in the metropolitan area.

"We are confronted with an emergency," announced Mr. Silberman, "and a Jewish responsibility that the Federation cannot—nor would it want to—avoid."

Divorce By Consent Bill Possible

LONDON (RNS)—Divorce by consent after two years' separation could well become a fact in Britain within a year—unless the forces of opposition muster sufficient strength—as the result of the latest House of Commons vote on the Divorce Reform Bill.

Members voted agreement in principle on the bill by 163 votes to 105 after a special morning debate. Opponents included at least one well-known Roman Catholic MP. It was noted that less than half of parliament's 630 members voted.

The legislation is sponsored by Alec Jones, a Welsh Labor member. Some observers forecast that it will become law during parliament's current session, which has the best part of a year to go.

'Religious Airlift' Continues

NEW YORK (RNS)—Mercy airlifts into Biafra are continuing without interruption from the Portuguese West African island of Sao Tome, Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, director of Catholic Relief Services, announced here.

The Bishop's statement was made in answer to press reports that the government of Guinea had halted flights from the island of Fernando Po under the direction of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Mercy airlifts from Sao Tome are under the auspices of Joint Church Aid, a composite group of American and European Catholic and Protestant agencies. The Sao Tome flights are operated independently of the ICRC.

Bishop Swannstrom said that there were 28 mercy flights into Biafra from Sao Tome from Friday, Dec. 20, to the morning of Monday, Dec. 23. This brought the total number of relief flights sponsored by Joint Church Aid to over 800.

Prayer Asked For Evangelism Congress

CHICAGO (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann have issued a call to American Churches for eight and a half months of concentrated prayer on behalf of the U.S. Congress on Evangelism, set for next Sept. 8-13.

Mr. Graham is honorary chairman of the congress and Dr. Hoffmann, speaker on The Lutheran Hour, is chairman of the 32-man national committee. The congress will be held in Minneapolis, and 8,000 delegates are expected to attend.

"The urgency and need for a mighty moving of the Spirit of God in our nation and across the world is impressed upon us in every newscast," said the call to prayer. "Our daily papers compel us to realize that we are at a crossroad, and that our choice is either Christ or chaos."

Dr. Latourette Struck By Auto, Dies

OREGON CITY, Ore. (EP)—Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, renowned historian of religion, died here after being struck by a car. He was 64.

The former professor of church history at Yale University was a graduate of Oregon's Linfield College which named a building after him.

His most notable editorial achievement was the seven-volume "The History of the Expansion of Christianity," published from 1907 to 1908.

Dr. Latourette had served at one time as president of the American Baptist Convention.

MISSIONS Through The Cooperative Program

Baptist churches are free and independent we like to say. We often take this as just a fact, sometimes to excuse our own lack of concern and compassion. For it is not just a fact to be noted, but a spiritual truth that our Baptist churches are free and independent under the LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST.

When we are under his Lordship we begin to feel his Spirit that moves us to care for others.

We discover that we are free not to live isolated and selfish lives, but under the Lordship of Christ we inevitably begin to reach out.

The Cooperative Program helps us to reach around the world with the gospel.

Experimental Crusade Held In 7 Languages

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (BP) — A unique multilingual "Festival of Faith" here recently encouraged Southern Baptist leaders by providing directions for the denomination's ministry to large concentrations of various ethnic groups in this area.

Although attendance couldn't be termed large, services in French, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Italian, Spanish and English drew persons even from the Hartford, Conn., area, about 60 miles from Springfield.

"We didn't expect big crowds from the beginning," said Charles Clark, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, a sponsor of the crusade-type meetings and the only Southern Baptist church in western Massachusetts.

"But we did make some contacts that we didn't have in the beginning," Clark said.

African Workers Confer

Sixteen pastors and six missionaries attended a consultation conference and refresher course for pastors of the Baptist Convention of Central Africa and missionaries of the Rhodesian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) at the Baptist camp near Gwelo, Rhodesia.

22 Ousted Church Members Convention Exceeded Authority

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — A statement prepared by the pastors of three of the four churches excluded from the Arkansas Baptist Convention was signed by 22 of the churches' members in a meeting here protesting the action as illegal, unconstitutional, and as persecution.

The statement said that the convention went beyond its authority in attempting to discipline the four churches on doctrinal matters, and that the action was actually illegal because it was taken before the convention was duly constituted.

The open meeting was held at University Baptist Church here, one of the four churches ousted by the convention because of practices of either "alien immersion" or "open communion," or both.

The statement was drafted by the pastors of three of the churches: Charles B. Thompson of First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark.; Merle A. Johnson Jr., of First Baptist Church, Malvern, Ark.; and Perry D. Blount of Lake Village Baptist Church, Lake Village, Ark.

The pastor of the fourth church,

Home Board Studies Role In Refugee Work

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has assigned a staff member for an extensive study of the denomination's role in helping refugees and other immigrants entering the United States.

The task was given to W. Bertram King of Toronto, Canada, who has served for the past eleven years as liaison representative between Southern Baptists and Canadian Baptists.

King will move to Atlanta in January and divide his time between his liaison assignment and the new position. He will be attached to the department of language missions at the agency.

The move represents the first step in phasing out the Canadian position, created earlier because of tension between the denominations when new churches in Canada affiliated with Southern Baptists.

"King has served effectively in improving the climate of understanding, and the time has now come, it seems, to begin a two years' phase-out of this position," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission board.

Glynn McCalman of University Baptist Church where the meeting was held, explained that he was not signing the statement, but this was not to be taken as opposition. He indicated that he might sign it later.

After a caucus, members of the University Baptist Church present announced that the entire church would consider the statement at its Wednesday night service two days later.

Stating that "we do not look upon ourselves as being legally out of the convention," the signed statement contended that the authority of the state convention is restricted to messengers to the convention and not to churches from which the messengers come.

The convention's constitution states that "The convention shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches which are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of this convention, and which desire to cooperate with other churches through this convention."

The statement signed by members of the four churches contended that there was an unconstitutional interpretation of the meaning of the term "regular" Baptist churches at the Hot Springs convention in November to include only churches which do not practice "open communion" and "alien immersion."

The interpretation at the Hot Springs convention was based on resolutions passed by the convention during previous years on a majority vote. Some of these resolutions were made appendices to the constitution or bylaws, but by majority vote, and not by the two-thirds vote necessary to amend the constitution and, by-laws, the statement said.

The group contended that article four of the convention's constitution "forever safeguards local churches from any ecclesiastical authority being exercised by the convention, such as the action to withdraw fellowship."

In strong language, the statement declared: "The people of the Arkansas Baptist churches should be told that we feel that this is persecution and we see this as an attempt to dictate to the local church, which would

Garbage Collectors Are More Than Preachers

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (ABNS) — "Garbage collectors in New York City are already getting several thousand dollars more than our preachers and missionaries, and are now asking for just a little less than Ed Tuller, our national leader, gets," says an American Baptist editor in the forthcoming November issue of MISSION magazine.

The Rev. Norman R. DePuy says he is all for the garbage collectors but is also concerned about the deep rift which exists with American Baptist professional leadership. He points out that in our capitalistic society, value is determined by money and yet garbage men are paid more than missionaries.

"Dedication is usually both the reply and the apology to those who raise questions about garbage men deserving more than missionaries," continues Mr. DePuy. "But dedication is totally irrelevant at the bank, at the grocery store, and in a society which, when it is honest, determines everything by dollar value."

Mr. DePuy says that the ministry is not thought of these days as an important profession and this is one of the reasons why young people enter other fields of service where they are fully appreciated and adequately paid. "But when a young man or woman enters the ministry, she or he is entering a world where the only way to get ahead is to pay her or himself more than the church is willing to pay."

Mr. DePuy concludes his editorial by stating "The really dreadful thing in all of this is the sneaking suspicion that many people in our churches would be quite satisfied with any kind of preaching — even if the garbage men did the preaching — just so long as the preacher does not expect to get paid garbage men's wages."

39th Baptist Men's Day Jan. 26

More than 15,000 Southern Baptist churches can now start planning for the 39th annual Baptist Men's Day scheduled for January 26, 1968.

A Baptist Men's Day packet containing planning suggestions has been mailed free to each church by state Brotherhood departments.

Baptist Men's Day is a time to em-

phasize the need for men to lead the church in missions. While it recognizes men for their faithfulness and value to their church, it also challenges them to find places of service to their church and to their fellow men.

In some churches, pastors are planning to present morning worship serv-

ices on the Southern Baptist Convention theme for the year, "The Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions." The Brotherhood theme is "World Missions... My Mission."

Other ways churches plan to observe this day include breakfast meetings with a speaker representing for-

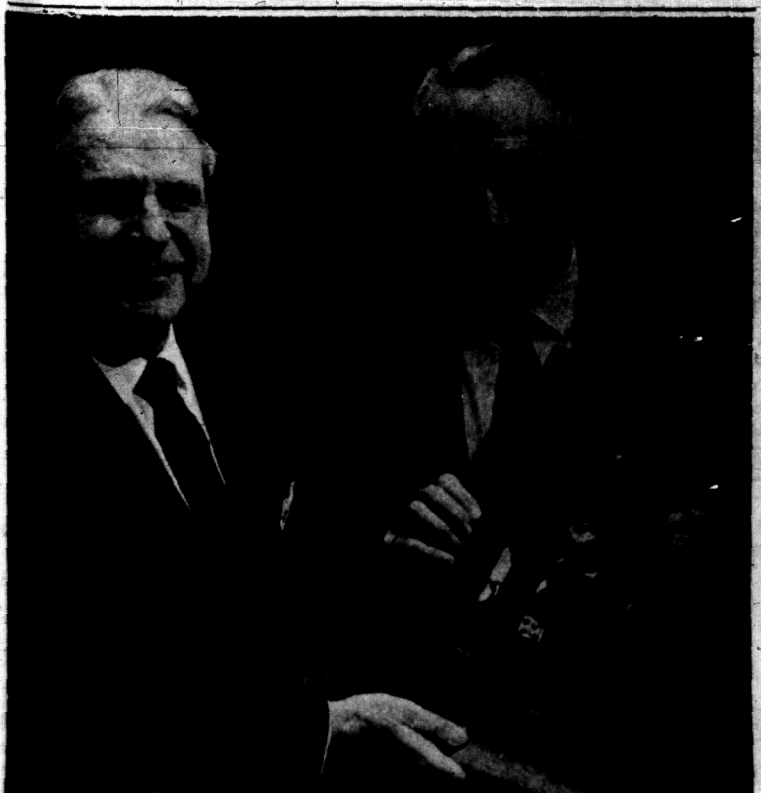
eign, home, state, or associational missions; special mission messages during worship services; a Baptist Men's unit program for the congregation; and a Brotherhood director's report before the congregation to inform the church members of the work men are doing.

Men's choirs will highlight the emphasis at some worship services.

PERTINENT PRECEPTS FOR PASTORS

1. Pray every night, and shave every morning.
2. Keep your conscience clean, also your linen.
3. Let your light shine, and shine your shoes.
4. Press your advantages, your opportunities, and your trousers.
5. Brush the cobwebs from your brain, and the dandruff from your collar.
6. Remember that a delinquent debt in a parish is like an added egg in an omelet.
7. Be poor in spirit, but not vocabulary.
8. Be assured you can't put fire in your sermons unless there is fire in your heart.
9. Know that it is better to lose a good fight than to win a bad one.
10. Call in the homes of men, if you would have men call in the house of God.
11. Remember that the approval of God is more to be desired than the patronage of a rich, unscrupulous pew-holder.
12. Always be content with what you have, but never with what you are.

From the notebook of James B. Butler



CRISWELL PRESENTED PHOTO OF SELF

NASHVILLE — W. A. Criswell (left), pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was recently presented a copy of the cover photograph from his forthcoming book, "Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True." Presentation was made by W. Alvis Strickland, (right), manager, wholesale sales department, Sunday School Board, on the occasion of the dedication of the board's new Van Ness Auditorium. Criswell was dedicatory speaker. — (BSSB PHOTO)

Baptist Layman To Keynote Church-State Conference

NEW YORK (C-SNS) — The Hon. Mark O. Hatfield, United States senator from Oregon and a Baptist layman, will bring the keynote address at the 21st National Conference on Church and State here Jan. 28, 29.

His topic will be "The Dimensions of Freedom."

At least five other Baptist leaders will appear on the program, and several more will work behind the scenes on arrangements for the meeting.

The two-day conference, sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, will be held in the Park-Sheraton Hotel.

make the convention an ecclesiastical body with power of expulsion over the local church."

The statement further pointed out that from time to time there have been efforts at the Southern Baptist Convention to make "open communion" and "alien immersion" tests of fellowship, but that the convention presidents have always ruled such efforts out of order.

In the opening address of the conference, the Rev. William M. Pineson Jr., assistant professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, will analyze the timeless doctrine of the separation of church and state and apply it to our own age.

President of the national organization is Dr. Louis D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., pastor emeritus of Atlanta's Druid Hills Baptist Church and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Vice-president is Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Special week-day features will be public school appearances by both Mr. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland, and Dr. Hensley, and also pastors and staff luncheons.

Mr. Hubbell will conduct conferences for Junior and High School youth on Monday and Tuesday nights on "Confronting Personal Problems."

At the same time, Dr. Hensley will lead the adults. On Monday his subject will be "The Teen Years" and on Tuesday "What Christian Parents Should Teach About Sex."

YOU need a will if you have a family or if you have any material assets. YOU do not want disinterested persons distributing that which is personal. Your family deserves enough thought for them to cause YOU to make your will.

Does not "Christian Responsibility" demand that you make a Christian will? Gratitude for God's blessings and a conscious sense of Christian stewardship should impel and compel us to pre-determine that some of God's blessings continue to serve Him after we have gone to be with Him.

If you do not have a will, then we urge that you have one made and make it Christian. If you do have a will and it is not a "Christian Will," then prayerfully seek God's guidance in changing it.

- I am interested in
 - ☐ making a Christian will.
 - ☐ setting up a living trust.
 - ☐ missionary, educational, and benevolent causes which could be remembered in my will.
 - ☐ I would appreciate a visit from a foundation representative (without cost or obligation).

Carey E. Cox

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150 Israel Baptists Attend Conference

More than 150 Arabs, Jews, and Southern Baptist missionaries met at the Baptist Village in Peth Tiqua, Israel, for their annual conference, held at the time of Sukkoth, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. A climate of love and fellowship prevailed during the conference, a joint venture of Southern Baptist missionaries and the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel, reports Missionary Ray G. Register, Jr.

"Can you imagine hearing a prominent Jewish psychiatrist preaching to Arabs and Americans that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Israel?" Mr. Register asks. "Yet, just such a man addressed the conference, at the invitation of an Arab pastor who was in charge of the program. Such experiences overshadow the occasional turmoil of political tensions in this area of the Middle East, and reaffirm for us that the love of Christ is the only hope for peace."

Adams County Plans Family Life Meeting

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Christian Action Commission, Jackson; Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, First Baptist Church, Cleveland; and Rev. William G. Watson, vocational guidance counselor, Clinton, will serve as resource leaders for the Adams County Family Life Conference in Natchez on January 19-22.

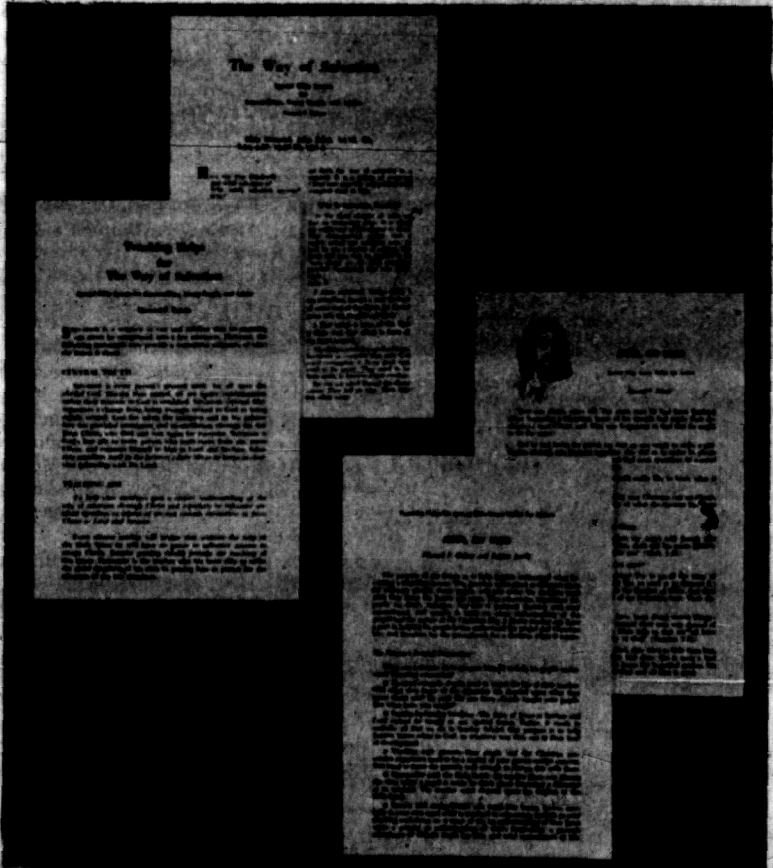
According to Rev. Richard Pass, superintendent of missions, sessions will be held at Immanuel, Morgantown and Parkway churches on Monday and Tuesday while on Sunday, Dr. Hensley and Mr. Watson will each speak in four churches.

A Teen Rally will be held at Immanuel Church on Sunday afternoon. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Adams County Baptist Association and the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

On Sunday Dr. Hensley will speak at First Baptist Church, youth group at the Sunday School hour; Morgantown Church, morning worship hour; and evening worship at Immanuel and Calvary churches. Mr. Watson will be at Cloverdale, Parkway, Cranfield and Washington churches.

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Leaflets To Be Used With Crusade

Jews, My Lord and The Way of Salvation, two leaflets to be used in connection with the Crusade of the Americas, are now available.

Both leaflets provide special Sunday School lessons for churches to use in connection with evangelistic services. All churches conducting revivals during the Crusade of the Americas will find the use of these leaflets very beneficial.

Jews, My Lord is a brief and concise presentation for Junior boys and girls that shows what it means to become a Christian and how to receive Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Way of Salvation, while following the same theme, is written for interclass members during a class session under the guidance of the teacher. With each series there is a teaching helps leaflet.

These leaflets are listed as Items X29 and X30 on the April-June Church Literature order blank and will be sold in packets of 10 with a teaching helps leaflet in each packet. The packets are 34 cents each.

1969—Year Of Turning?

The new year, 1969, is the last year of a decade — labeled at its beginning as the "Soaring Sixties." Great hopes were set for these years which now are rapidly drawing to a close, and while some of those hopes have been realized, many of them have not materialized. Indeed, one might look back at them and call them the "Sobering Sixties" or the "Sorrowful Sixties", for they have seen tragedy and crisis far beyond the ordinary.

Consider some of the sobering events of the sixties: A president, and other prominent leaders, mowed down by assassin's bullets, two of them during the past year... crime of all kinds increasing at an almost unbelievable rate... an undeclared war that has involved more Americans than almost any previous war in our history, and yet, one which we do not have the will or wisdom to win, or the willingness to lose... a divided nation, with more opposition to the government and its policies than ever before has been seen in our land... communism continuing its dread march, swallowing up China, trampling down efforts for freedom in some of its satellite countries, and continuing its efforts to embroil the Jews and Arabs, and perhaps the whole world, in another war... unrest and rebellion among young people, creating crisis and havoc on many a university campus... war in the streets, and burning and looting of large areas in many of our cities... racial crisis becoming more serious instead of finding solution... atheism and godlessness continuing their relentless efforts to remove God and the Christian faith from American life... religious liberalism espousing "God is dead" and other false isms, and strange doctrines which deny the Bible and reject the deity of Christ... ecumenism in its steady march, casting aside the foundation doctrines and basic truths of God's revelation in his word.

These are just a few of the dark things which one sees as he looks back across the sixties. Certainly, one cannot forget the accomplishments in the scientific field, and other worthy things which have happened. He cannot forget the freedoms and blessings which Americans still enjoy. But there are so many things which are bad, that they tend to overshadow the worthwhile achievements.

Now, man comes to the last twelve months of this decade. And while he may set foot on the moon during these months, will he find solution to the serious problems confronting him at home? A new government is taking over in Washington. Will it, or other agencies, be able to find solutions to war, racial conflict, lawlessness, poverty, drug addiction, the moral crisis, etc? We do not know, but we are sure that all right thinking Americans, and especially Christian Americans, hope and pray for a turn for the better.

In the religious world, liberalism appears to be continuing its strangle hold on much of the religious life of the nation, although there is hope, in that many preachers and laymen are revolting against liberal tendencies, and are calling for a return to a Biblically based faith. Moreover, many denominations have not been swallowed up by modern religious trends.

Among Southern Baptists, this has been a decade of "leveling out", and even of some losses, after the tremendous advances of the "fifties." Financially the denomination has continued to grow, perhaps reflecting the growth of the economy. Encouraging, of course, is the fact that during this decade there has been advance in mission programs, new buildings, enlarging of institutions, reaching into new territory, etc.

Nevertheless, in the area of organizations and enlistment, growth has not kept pace, and in most divisions there actually has been loss. Preliminary figures for 1968, reported in the Baptist Record last week, indicate that the past year has seen losses in almost every area of organizational life, except church music. Church music has just reached its period of great development in the past few years, and may not yet have reached its zenith. The figures show, however, that the Sunday school, the Training Union, the WMU, and the Brotherhood, all have had losses in enrollment, and for some of them this is the second, or even third year of continued loss. The number of baptisms also is down.

What Is Meaning?

What is the meaning of all of this, and what is the answer? It may mean that Southern Baptists simply are feeling the general decline which has effected so much of Protestantism during the past decade. It could mean that we have lost some of the zeal and enthusiasm which marked much of our work a few years ago. It may mean that in changing some of our methods in order to "keep up with the times", we have abandoned some of the most effective programs of the past. It could mean that under the influence of the spirit of ecumenism of this age, we have lost some of our distinctive witness and evangelical fervor.

Southern Baptists are seeking to find the answer. Early in December nearly 1500 leaders from all across the convention territory, met in Nashville, to consider the plans for the seventies. There was optimism, as new plans were revealed and projected, but there was evidence of concern as to whether the churches would accept all of the innovations, and whether they actually would bring the desired results.

Disturbing Note

Moreover, there was a note in the meeting, that was disturbing, at least to some of us. There was suggestion by one major speaker that the time had come to give less emphasis to doctrine and more to action. He stated that modern young adults and young people "could care less" about whether some of the doctrines were right, but they were very much concerned about "action" and meeting the needs of others. While this was the thinking of just one speaker, it appears to represent the feeling of many pastors and leaders today.

We would not disparage the concern for others, for we see the need for more Christian action, but many of us believe that if Southern Baptists abandon their doctrinal distinctives, their decline and even their demise quickly will follow. It is a Biblically based theology which has been the key to Southern Baptist growth in the past, and to abandon that now, even in this ecumenically minded age, means to invite serious trouble. Few would deny that Southern Baptists need to become more involved in meeting all of the needs of people about them, but they must never forget that the greatest needs still are spiritual, and that other involvements should be considered only in the light of that fact.

The Crusade of the Americas, which is the major emphasis of this new year, well could be the catalyst to bring about a change in Southern Baptist direction. If a mighty revival could sweep the churches and touch all of America, in 1969, there could be a turning point in America's present downward moral and spiritual trend. Thus the final year of the sixties, could be a year of turning. God grant that it may be just this. Every Southern Baptist should enter the year with a dedication, a spirit of prayer, and a determination, that he will live in such a way that God can use him in 1969, to help change the denomination, and the nation, and history.

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

It's not Christ's cross, but yours, which needs carrying... When you build better worlds, you will have to have the Carpenter of Nazareth as foreman... If you give your life to God completely, you are sure of one thing: you will never be alone. — Oscar Johnson

What famous sermon — By this shall all men know that ye have love one to another. — John 13:35

The greatest work that any of us can do for another, whether old or young, is to teach the soul to draw its water from the wells of God. — F. B. Meyer

"THIS NATION, UNDER GOD" CAN



NEWEST BOOKS

DEBS, DOLLS, AND DOPE by John Benton (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$3.50).

Mr. Benton presents another phase of the extensive ministry of TEEN CHALLENGE — that of salvaging lives of drug addicted and immoral girls. Along with the girls' dramatic stories comes that of the unwanted and innocent children. This is a book about youth, but not for youth. Introduction by Dave Wilkerson, author of The Cross and the Switchblade.

ESCAPE TO NOWHERE by Dennis W. Boreham (Christian Literature Crusade, 120 pp., \$1.25).

An exciting new book for children. The "Nowhere" children have a secret den and underground store. One day it is raided, and the reader leaves a clue.

SIMBA AND SAMBA by Elsie Milligan (Christian Literature Crusade, 88 pp., 90 cents).

Here is a fine tale about African boys and girls — the story of Simba and Samba, who were twins and lived in a village near the great Zambesi River in Lundaland. A nice story for children.

PRAIRIE HIDEOUT by Hugh D. Maclean (Christian Literature Crusade, 88 pp., 90 cents).

For children. While camping out in the bad lands, some boys see a campfire over by Star Lake. What can this mysterious fire mean? Rustlers? When Meg Murray is missing, it is time for the Mountie to take action!

OSWALD CHAMBERS, AN UNBRIED SOUL by D. W. Lambert (Christian Literature Crusade; paperback, \$1.00).

The living biography of Oswald

Chambers, Christian scholar, prophet, writer, artist, and poet, who died at the age of 43. The great Scotchman during World War I served with the YMCA in Egypt.

PRISONERS OF THE SEA by Dennis W. Boreham (Christian Literature Crusade, 119 pp., \$1.25).

There's double trouble in this book for children — with two sets of twins around. The four friends have their share of fun when they visit Shell Island.

SPARKS FOR THE KINDLING by Harold C. Bonell (Judson Press, \$3.95, 128 pp.).

This is a book of "thought starters." Within its covers are helpful items for the pastor who finds himself running out of sermon ideas or for the lay person who has been asked to give an inspirational talk. There are timely themes, related to a Bible text, and a few brief paragraphs on each. To these the speaker may add thoughts and ideas and illustrations of their own choosing, to develop the topic fully. Also a fine book for personal devotional meditation.

CLIMBING UP THE MOUNTAIN, CHILDREN by H. S. Vigevno (Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 184 pp., 95 cents).

Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount to inspire his followers. An old spiritual carried the line, "Climbin' up the mountain, chillun." In this book, the author dares the Christian to stop existing in the valleys, and to be little "chillun," (of such is the kingdom of heaven), so that they may hope to climb spiritual Mt. Everest.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Pastor Needed In East Helena, Montana

Dear Sirs:

Would you be able to print following information in your paper? It is about our mission that was started by the Calvary Baptist Church while Albert Casteel was pastor, and has continued as a mission since then.

The Missions Committee of the Calvary Baptist Church, Helena, Montana, is interested in contacting pastors who would be interested in mission work in Helena.

We have a mission in East Helena, a town of about 2,000 people. The Sunday school enrollment is 50 with about 25 in attendance, mostly children. There is a trailer provided by the mission. East Helena is five miles from Helena. With the outlying population, the "community" totals about 4,000. The larger area has a population of about 30,000. Our mission, a Catholic church, an Episcopal church and a Methodist church are all the churches in East Helena.

Anyone desiring more information may write the Missions Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 802, Helena, Montana 59601.

Thanking you for all the help you can offer us in this matter, I am Bill Moore, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church P.O. Box 802 Helena, Montana 59601

Thanks From Montana

Dear Editor:

The pastors in Montana have received a suit of clothes for Christmas made possible by Mississippi laymen, pastors, and churches. The Montana

pastors are extremely grateful to the Mississippi people who have a great interest in Pioneer Mission work in Montana. Your interest and concern for Pioneer Pastors has been expressed through the gift of the suit-for-Christmas.

All Southern Baptist in Montana say a big THANK YOU to every one who helped to make this gift to Montana pastors.

Wayland B. Holbrook, President Montana Baptist Pastor's Association Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church Missoula, Montana

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

DO YOU PRESS FOR A DECISION?

Oswald J. Smith

In The Evangelical Christian

I cannot, for the life of me, understand how any minister can be satisfied to preach a Gospel sermon and then pronounce the benediction and go home without ever giving the people, to whom he preached, an opportunity to accept Christ as Saviour there and then. How a minister can go on Sunday after Sunday without seeing anyone walk down the aisle to be saved is truly beyond me. A lawyer is out for a verdict; so is a minister; and if he is not, he should be. If he is wrong somewhere, for God has promised fruit, and it is his privilege to reap as well as sow.

My friend, if you do not have a burden for souls, let me say again you

Foundation Trust Corpus Exceeds \$10 Million Mark

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foundation meeting here for its 23rd annual session reported that the total trust corpus held and managed by the service agency exceeded the \$10 million mark for the first time in 1968.

It also noted the largest increase in the total trust funds since the foundation was established.

Actual amount of the total trust corpus at the end of the 1968 fiscal year, Sept. 30, was \$10,209,536. It was an increase of more than a million dollars over the 1967 corpus of \$9,121,101.

A ten-year record of growth in the foundation's annual report showed that the total trust corpus has more than doubled during the past decade, from \$4.3 million in 1959 to the current \$10.2 million.

Income earned for the Baptist agencies, endowment and annuity beneficiaries, totaled \$503,129 last year, marking the first time the income exceeded half a million dollars. Ten years ago it was \$155,272.

The average rate of return on the general fund investments continued to increase, with a rate of 5.92 per cent for the year. The rate of return was considered excellent by the foundation's investment committee. Compared with 10 years ago, it was 5.09 per cent.

During the meeting, directors discussed the need for more emphasis on trying to influence all of the agencies of the Southern Baptist convention to use the investment services of the Foundation, especially by placing their reserve funds in the Foundation for investment.

EDUCATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING
THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

Campus: 1970

Many academic citizens think that some of the most probable events to come during the next decade are the least desirable. The American Council on Education released in Denver recently the results of a survey on the probability and desirability of 35 hypothetical events. Some of them follow:

(1) Increased use by students of direct action methods to assert their demands for changes in higher education (nine out of ten administrators find this prospect undesirable or detrimental; seven out of ten faculty members see it as desirable or essential).

(2) The authority of top administrators in policy decisions will be eroded (eight out of ten administrators regard this as undesirable, whereas three out of four faculty members think it is desirable or essential).

(3) Government agencies will gain more influence over colleges and universities as financial support increases (ninety percent found the prospect undesirable or detrimental).

(4) The great majority of high school graduates will take at least two years of instruction after high school (this event was rated as the most probable).

(5) Breakthroughs in understanding the human learning process will lead to major improvements in instructional methods at the college level (this event was the most desirable listed by institutional members and trustees).

(6) Faculty participation in major aspects of academic governance will become a widely adopted practice (faculty members chose this as their most desirable event).

(7) Students will serve as voting members on most important academic committees on the typical campus (students chose this as most desirable).

It is also expected that "in loco parentis" (the school taking the place of the parents) will be much less important than self-regulation where non-academic student affairs and conduct are concerned.

Some analysts of the survey expressed concern about the questions it did not ask: questions which must deal with the ways in which human conflicts, problems, trends, and solutions are going to affect the shape and destiny of higher education as an institution during the next ten years.

need revival. If you are satisfied to go on year after year without results, you need to get down on your knees. You had better pray in confession and penitence until God opens the flood gates of heaven and sends a revival to your own heart; and then after setting you on fire, enables you to kindle revival fires in the hearts of others until at last your whole church will be aflame for God.

Christ was the "born-again" of the day; he was the Protestant; he was the independent. His teaching was one thrilling protest against ecclesiasticism. His life was one pathetic plea for religious freedom — Mrs. E. S. Phelps

Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

New Year Check List

Want to make 1969 a grand year in spiritual growth? If the answer is "Yes", the suggestion is this: take as good care of your spiritual needs as you take of your car's needs. Read that again, recall the items of care which you give your car, translate those items into a spiritual analogy, and here is how it reads:

1. Keep your batteries charged. This indispensable part on your car doesn't go on forever without attention, you recall. Neither does your spiritual motivation. Keep your spiritual batteries charged through a regular, adequate "intake" of spiritual strength obtained through a well-balanced church life: Bible study, training, prayer fellowship, and through an adequate "outflow" of spiritual power in witnessing and serving.

2. Pause for a check-up at regular intervals. If you are taking care of your car, you take it in at regular intervals to have its total functioning checked for possible corrections. A spiritual check-up is just as important to your proper spiritual functioning: a pause for a meditative search of your spiritual growth in quiet times of heart-search and in special weeks of spiritual insight offered by your church.

3. Keep an eye on the road map when traveling. You wouldn't think of taking your car on a here-to-fare untraveled route without regular consultation with an authoritative road map. Daily consultation of God's all-sufficient guide to human conduct in an unhurried, prayerful reading of the Bible is equally imperative to confident Christian living. And, by the way, try transferring your Bible reading and prayer time to the beginning of each day's journey. Try it for thirty days and note the difference.

4. Watch the instrument panel! (a) If the prayer gauge indicates a low reading, your prayer life needs attention in quantity and quality aspects. (b) If the speedometer registers dangerously high speed, indicating that your living tempo is too fast to permit safe, sane attention to the factors of a well-balanced life, you need to slow down. (c) If the oil gauge registers that dangerous red signal, indicating that the bearings of your disposition are in danger of burning out, you need to stop for a re-examination of your daily relationships in such Christian graces as courtesy, patience, sympathy, understanding, tact, and humor.

HAPPY JOURNEY THROUGH ALL OF 1969!

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor)

Evil thoughts intrude in an unemployed mind as naturally as worms are generated in a stagnant pool. — Latin Proverb

He is based who receives favors and renders none. Beware of too much good staying in your hand. It will fast corrupt. Pay it away quickly in some sort. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

God is glorified, not by our groans, but by our thanksgivings. — E. P. Whipple

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 13 — James L. Spencer, Clarke College faculty; Mary Sullivan, Clarke staff.

January 14 — Mrs. Tom Moore, Baptist student director, MSCW; Harold Gully, Baptist student director, Miss. State Univ.

January 15 — Yvonne Roy, librarian, Gilroy School of Nursing; Verbie Ann Lovorn, faculty, Mississippi College.

January 16 — Jo Ann Ginn, staff, Children's Village; Leon D. Wall, Grenada - Yalobusha supt. of missions.

January 17 — Norman Rodgers, Foy Rogers, Mrs. Ruby Russell, Jerry St. John, Baptist Building employees.

January 18 — Mrs. Gaston Smith, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Marian Leavell, staff, Blue Mountain College.

January 19 — Kathleen Wright, Baptist Book Store; R. A. Herrington, Historical Commission.

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In The Philippine Islands, 5600 Profess Faith In Christ

By Guy Henderson
SBC Missionary
Fusan, Korea

Over 7,000 islands scattered from the Northern tip of Luzon to within several hundred miles of the equator; a growing tide of nationalism and student unrest; trouble between the government and the huku; poverty strips and places of indescribable beauty. This is the Philippines in 1968.

For several years the missionaries and the pastors had been preparing for the nation-wide crusade to be in November and December.

There were 32 preachers and singers from the United States and 17 missionaries from other fields in the Orient. After two days of Orientation in Manila we scattered to our various places.

Today I believe all the participants could testify that the Holy Spirit is still working in the interest of revival. People were saved in tents, hotels, snack bars, jitneys, homes, and in the churches. Junior boys came forward in the services and aged men (one was 116) made public their pro-

fession of faith. Men closed their businesses to go witness; loggers quit early in order to attend evening services. At the end of the four weeks, 5,600 had publicly accepted Christ, 400 had joined the churches by letter or statement, 63 young men (including two former priests) indicated their call to preach the gospel and hundreds had re-dedicated their life to God. Eighty-eight were baptized from one church in one afternoon and over 800 were baptized during the Crusade.

It was not without opposition.

Stones were thrown on the roof of buildings during services, a few people were threatened and told not to attend, and there were several group marches in opposition. However, these were isolated instances. Usually we were made welcome and the famed Filipino hospitality was displayed. President Ferdinand Marcos gave us a personal welcome at Davao on Mindanao and the mayors in most cities appeared happy to welcome us. Civic clubs invited numerous team members to speak or sing.

One night a 75 year old woman made her profession of faith at Kolanbog where I was preaching. After counseling she was given a decision card to fill out. She confessed her inability to write so a 16-year-old girl who had been saved the previous night offered to fill out her card. This was okay with the old lady but she wanted to hold her hand on the pencil too as the young girl wrote her name. It seemed important that it be "legalized" in this manner, and she wanted no mistakes on the card. I

rejoiced because I knew her name was being written in another book and that Writer makes no errors.

It was a pleasure to work with several Missisippians in the group. Joseph Flowers now of Hampton, Va., James Hayes, now of Atlanta, and Evio de Oliveira of Brazil who formerly served on the coast.

For the next six months intensive follow-up work will be underway. Remember to pray for the missionaries and pastors as they continue to strengthen the work in this important phase of the work.

For Both God And Government

By A. Donald Bell
Professor of Psychology
and Human Relations
Southwestern Seminary
Fort Worth, Texas

Recent events in our national life cause each Christian to reevaluate his concept of government, his part in its operation, and the separation of church and state. A strong central government can hinder or help the spread and influence of religion. Yet, Christians usually exert their greatest influence more by dealing with persons in government and by personal exertion of voting privileges

than by becoming involved in major governmental changes.

This presents a challenge to all Christians. Their stewardship responsibility provides a cherished obligation. Jesus, by direct work and influence, praised those who were loyal to the government. He openly criticized those who engaged in evil practices in government and those who chronically criticized it. A good example is his righteous indignation against the group called "publicans."

The publican, or telenal, was repeatedly linked with the sinner in the

New Testament. The publicans brought this stereotyping on themselves. As thus used, "sinners" is a "term of contempt" rather than an actual classification. Their "practices" were such that people thought of them as "sinners." In like manner, some people in government service in our day default in honor and practice and we are linked with "crooked politicians" in our thinking.

Christ was a friend of publicans because they needed regeneration spiritually and alteration in behavior. He was not interested in them because they were evil politicians so much as because they were lost, sinful men. Yet, to win one of these was to exert influence for his cause in certain quarters. Also, when Zaccheus changed his ways and paid back those whom he had robbed, the Christian cause was made very real to the people.

One is reminded of Charles Sheldon's novel *In His Steps*, in which a few Christians did some radical things in social relations because they had vowed to do just what Jesus would do were he in their places. Zaccheus did this and, no doubt, caused quite a stir. It is difficult to estimate how many saw Christian principles through his daring rehabilitation. There are some Christian political leaders in our day who have this courage.

Also, Christ was probably a friend of publicans because his friendship evidenced his concern for people in all areas of life. He came to save a whole world of people regardless of how they had divided themselves into groups. Today's national events may lead us to a better understanding of the worth of cooperating groups—not just the dissolution of them.

Groups Through Persons

Therefore, one does not change groups.

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Leader In Per Capita Cooperative Giving

THE FIRST BAPTIST Church of Yazoo City was the leading church in Mississippi in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. Rev. James Yates, pastor for the past seven years, states that this achievement is the result of a strong emphasis on missions for many years. An aggressive WMU, laymen participation in crusades, involvement in pioneer missions, maintenance of a home for furloughing missionaries, and an annual stewardship emphasis, including a Mission Rally Day, are some of the contributing factors. In spite of a heavy building debt since 1966, mission giving has increased each year. The church now supports the Cooperative Program with 28% of its undesignated offerings. They were also number eight in the state in total Cooperative Program giving.

An Old Baptist "Says A Word"

By Selma E. Tall
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

I am now 90 years old. I was licensed to preach 71 years ago. I began my first full-time pastorate in July, 1903. I attended my first Southern Baptist Convention as a student in 1900. I have been pastor in eight Southern states. Of course, I am now retired as pastor, but I still preach when I am invited. I take several state Baptist papers and keep up with what is going on in the religious realm.

I have witnessed through these years the most marvelous growth of the Baptists in modern religious history. The Southern Baptist Convention today is the largest non-Catholic religious body in the world.

At that Convention in 1900, Dr. R. J. Willingham was the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. In his report he proudly announced that the Foreign Mission Board had received one hundred thousand dollars during the year and was supporting about 30 missionaries on the foreign field.

Incidentally, there were less than a thousand messengers in attendance upon that session of the Convention, and they met in a Presbyterian church which was the largest auditorium in the city of New Orleans at that time. Today our Foreign Mission Board receives millions of dollars and supports more than 2000 foreign missionaries, and has churches affiliated with the Convention in all the States of the Union. And, can hardly find cities in the United States large enough to entertain the thousands who attend the Conventions.

In the face of these gigantic advances in our Baptist history, the problems now facing our Baptist people are not questions of methods but questions of maintaining our age-long doctrinal loyalties.

These modern times are changing times in all realms, religious, political, social, and economic. The question before Baptists today is the question of remaining SEPARATE in their doctrine and practice. The main lines as they have ever been. But Baptists pay no attention to the fact that nothing to give up and certainly nothing to gain by the idea of uniting with other denominations. This movement is promoted by the Catholic Church expecting all "Pro-

testants" to come back into the mother church. It will accomplish nothing but confusion and is finally doomed to failure.

Our Southern Baptist Convention has grown so large that it now encompasses all the States of the Union. For that reason there are some who advocate changing the name of the Convention by dropping the name "Southern." I oppose that idea utterly. People of the northern and western states who have come to affiliate with our Convention have come of their own accord. We owe them nothing but our love and help.

Another problem that faces our churches is that there are a few preachers among us who accept open communion and alien immersion. That is strictly a preacher issue. The pastor is to blame and not the churches. You hear of no church voting to practice open communion and alien baptism where the pastor has not led them to do it. Such a pastor should be branded and he and his church messengers should be refused seats in our associations and conventions.

I had that issue to deal with one time, and this is the way I disposed of it. A fine lady got to coming to my church and affiliating with my WMU. One day another lady of my church suggested that if I would go to see this lady she would join our Church. I told this lady I would never do it—that I was a proselyter.

A few days after that this lady in question called on the phone, and said: "I understand that you refuse to come to see me."

I said, "That is correct, but I will come to see you if you invite me."

She said: "If that is true, I now invite you to come to see me. I want to talk to you."

So, I went to see her in her home. She received me very cordially. When we were seated she said: "Dr. Tall, I am a member of the Christian Church. I now want to join your church but I have been baptized by immersion and you must accept my baptism."

I replied: "No, you do not want to join our church. We have just come to you. We will never do it. If you want to be a member of our church you will come in like all the rest of us have by being baptized by the authority of the church."

That is exactly what is involved in accepting alien baptism. Instead of their joining us, we join them. Scriptural baptism is characterized by two facts. One is the meaning of baptism itself, and the other is the authority of the administrator. The authority to administer New Testament baptism is vested in the New Testament church. When you have a man-organized church with a preacher set apart by that church you have neither a scriptural church nor a scriptural administrator. Baptism performed by that combination cannot be scriptural baptism.

Another very pressing modern issue today is the "race issue." We have today a lot of "Supreme Court Baptists," that is, Baptists who have changed their whole attitude on the "race issue" since 1954 when the Supreme Court issued its desegregation school decision. It should be remembered that neither the Supreme Court nor the Civil Rights legislation passed since have said that the Races should be amalgamated in the churches. Beyond question we will find it far better to keep the races separated in church work. Our Negro citizens have their own churches and their own denominational organizations. They have their own pastors, and some of them are truly great preachers and leaders. For the good of both races it will be much better to go on as we are today. There can develop a fuller fellowship and cooperation among the two races which can be helpful to both races. Indeed our Baptist people have not neglected our Negro Baptists. We have built them a theological seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. Nearly all our state conventions have paid helpers working among our Negro populations. Such work can go on helpfully without any mixture of the races.

Baptists are a separated people. They are separated from all others both doctrinally and historically. God has marked them off to be "and to remain that way. Whatever conglomerate mixture takes place in the religious world is a departure from the original Baptist position to going in everything to gain and nothing to lose. Just to go on being Baptists for God's sake and to the glory of Jesus Christ whom alone we trust as our hope of everlasting life!



HMB Releases Film On Personal Witnessing

FOR IT WAS LIFE which appeared before us: we saw it, we are eyewitnesses of it. The Home Mission Board has produced a filmstrip on personal witnessing (available at Baptist Book Stores) that is designed particularly for special church training sessions to follow Soul-Winning Commitment Day on Jan. 12, and for other Crusade of the Americas training. The dramatic color photo essay illustrates the gospel is for all races, demonstrates a variety of witnessing situations, and includes teaching frames on preparing testimonies, using the New Testament and giving spiritual guidance.—(Home Mission Board Photo by Don Rutledge)

IN BRAZIL

From Two Believers To A Church—In 18 Months

By Roberts E. Hampton

A congregation that had its beginning 18 months ago in a small town (a building where a type of flour is made) now has its own building and pastor and has been organized into a church with 41 charter members.

The new Baptist church, organized December 8, is located on a plantation in the far interior of the state of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. The plantation is about 35 miles by road from the sponsoring church in Pau dos Ferros, but a foot-path cuts the distance to about 22 miles.

When one becomes acquainted with Rio Grande do Norte, long neglected by Baptists, and realizes how many county seats do not have Baptist work, he wonders why a congregation was begun in a place so far off the beaten track as Lagoa de Dentro. The answer: a new convert obeyed the command of Jesus to witness "in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

After becoming a crente (believer), Senhor Eliezer, who lived on the Plantation Lagoa de Dentro, told Pastor Diomedio Alves de Silva, of the Pau dos Ferros church, that he wanted to be baptized at the plantation so that his family and friends could witness the service. No pastor had ever visited Lagoa de Dentro, and Senhor Eliezer and his wife were the only believers there.

On July 11, 1967, Pastor Diomedio made his first visit to Lagoa de Dentro. Arriving about two o'clock in the afternoon, he invited the people to a service that night in the casa de fazenda. Eleven people publicly professed their faith in Christ during that first service. The next afternoon Senhor Eliezer and his wife were baptized, and that night 11 more made decisions.

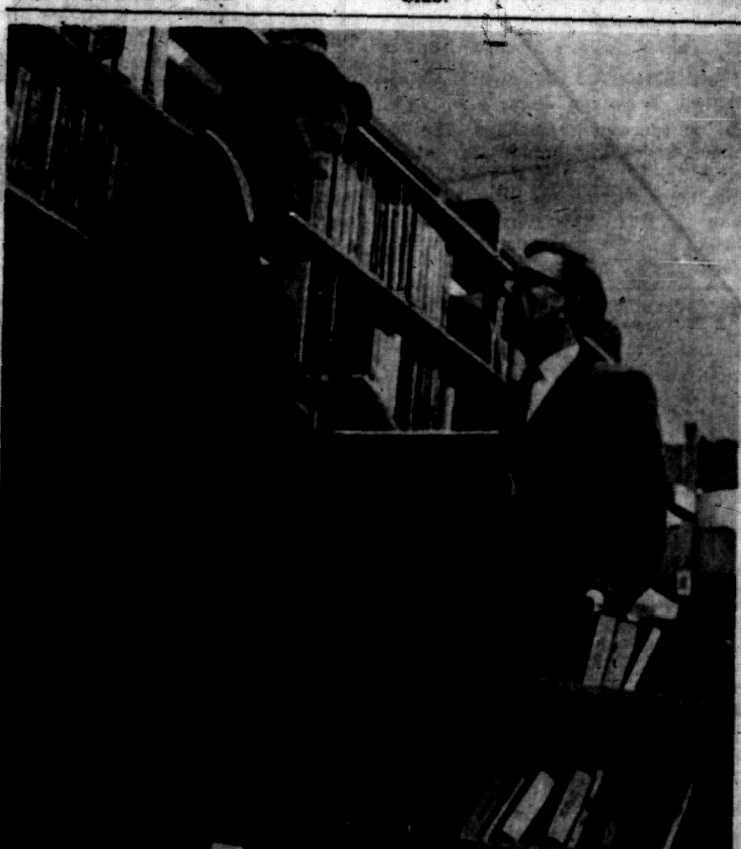
Pastor Diomedio made a second trip to the plantation on August 6, and, again, 11 persons professed faith in Christ. A third trip that month resulted in 21 decisions, for a total of 34 within two months. By that time the members felt the need to construct a church building. Making their own bricks, the people completed a 23 by 30 foot building within two months. It was dedicated on January 21, 1968, and 23 new converts were baptized that day. Forty more are awaiting baptism.

Antonio Teixeira de Souza, who received a diploma in theology from the North Brazil Baptist Seminary in 1967, arrived in July, 1968, as the congregation's first full-time worker.

It was planned to use the opportunity of the visit Baptist Convention to the state of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, to organize the church. Even as a congregation, the believers in Lagoa de Dentro sponsored work in nearby Sao Miguel, and on other plantations. Now that they have become a church, they are eag-

er to organize these congregations into churches.

The Lagoa de Dentro church brings to 15 the number of churches affiliated with the Norte Riograndense Baptist Convention, and three of these were organized in 1968.



Southwestern Sends Books To Vietnam

FORT WORTH—Seventy volumes of basic theology books are being sent to the Vietnam Baptist Seminary in Saigon. Peyton Moore (BD 58), left, missionary to Vietnam home on furlough, and Dean of Men Troy Barker (BD 63) examine the books. Barker taught a brief course last spring while visiting the Orient. Moore says the books will be used in English but will be translated into Vietnamese. The seminary actually began a centralized operation in Saigon in 1967.

INTEREST ON CHURCH DEBTS IS DOUBLE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

NASHVILLE (BP)—The interest on debts of Southern Baptist churches climbed to \$40.6 million in 1967, almost twice the amount given the same year to the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention causes, Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC executive committee, revealed.

Routh, who alluded to the rising interest cost briefly at the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here said the total debt for all Southern Baptist churches was nearly \$330 1/2 million.

Almost half of the churches — 1081 out of 34,147 — reported debt. In terms of amount, Texas churches owned the most, \$140,586,401, while the District of Columbia had the largest percentage of churches in debt.

During the same year the 34,147 churches reported total gifts of \$230 million of which almost \$75 million went to the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program is the primary financial support for the SBC.

The report showed that slightly more than 3 1/2 cents of every dollar given in churches reached the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention causes.

For God And Government

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...ment successfully unless he seeks to change the individuals in government one by one. This is true of all group action. As, by their votes, Christian citizens elect the right kind of candidates, they directly influence the whole governmental arena. Christ himself employed this democratic principle as he converted members of the groups of his day.

Jesus lived in a day of strong governments, and he did not attempt to overthrow them, as he was falsely accused of doing. Many times even the most authoritative groups can be met through their members. Jesus sought to influence officials, and eventually the leading governments of the post-New Testament world became Christian, if not in practice, at least in name. The founders of the Government of the United States were Christians as individuals; and, because of this, that Government was a Christian character!

Our Challenge Today

An inspiration in our day is the group of fine, Christian young men and women who give themselves to local, state, and federal government service. When the Christian group was not yet organized, Jesus had to win or enlist people like the publicans before their influence could be used for good in public affairs.

Today there are millions of Christians already members of our churches. What an opportunity to help them to become active Christian voters and citizens of our land! Through the churches, Christ can reach the leaders and workers in government and lead them to better personal convictions, honorable conduct, and the exertion of Christian principles in high places.

So, the picture of world influence is not dark. It only shows us that, if dishonorable and atheistic governments can wield power through individuals, then Christ's power through individuals can change a world! "Let it begin in me, Oh Lord."

SOUTHERN SEMINARY PARTICIPATES IN NEW "METROVERSITY" PLAN

LOUISVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has joined forces with seven other higher education institutions in the Louisville area to form what is to be called the Kentuckiana Metroversity.

The Metroversity is a cooperative effort by the eight member schools to broaden the variety and lower the cost of educational programs offered to students by co-ordinating each school's courses and facilities with all the others. It calls for no surrender of autonomy by the seminary or any school involved.

Other institutions participating in the Metroversity plan are: Bellarmine College, Catherine Spalding College, Indiana University Southeast, Kentucky Southern College, Jefferson Community College (a branch of the University of Kentucky), Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and the University of Louisville. Co-ordination of the program will be furnished by the Urban Studies Center at the University of Louisville.

Principal benefits to the Baptist seminary will be joint library facilities and collections greatly expanded course offerings in areas of academic interest to seminarians but currently too costly for the seminary to provide alone, and cooperative degree programs with other institutions.

Southern Seminary already has pioneered the joint degree approach. For several years, students in the seminary have been able to earn dual degrees in social work through an agreement with the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville.

Last year, a new program was begun in the field of church history to enable graduate students to earn a combination master of theology-master of arts degree simultaneously. The Metroversity will encourage this kind of development.

Each school will concentrate upon its particular strengths, pooling them with the specialties of the other schools, and all students in the eight institutions will have full access to all courses offered.

Although details of the plan are still in early stages, several definite steps have already been taken, including: use of computers to list courses offered at participating institutions; a joint orchestra involving all institutions; organization of a library council to develop a joint catalogue of books; merging of extra-curricular calendars; and proposals for joint research projects.

Ole Miss BSU Elects Wally Byrd President

The 1969 Baptist Student Union officers at the University of Mississippi were elected recently and will be installed during January.

Serving as president will be Wally Byrd of Jackson. Last year he was the BSU president at Hinds Junior College in Raymond.

Vice president is Wayne Till from Aniston, Alabama, and secretary is Susan Aycock of Rosedale.

Also serving on the Executive Council as committee chairmen are Harvey Magee of Tylertown, devotionals; Melissa Hanks of Raleigh, music; Regina Leake of Columbia, missions; Barbara Meador of Jackson and Ronnie Meador of Coldwater, enlistment; and Rickey Hicks of Raymond, social.

Michael Price of Guntown will be the editor of the BSU newsletter, the Blue Deacon, and athletic director will be Larry Smith of Meridian.

Church representatives are Julian Fagan of Laurel, North Oxford; Susan Langdon of Oxford, First Baptist; and Terry Haines of Sturgis, Temple Heights.

Dr. Lyman Magee, professor of biology, is the newly elected faculty advisor and Rev. Jim Bain, pastor of North Oxford Church, will serve as pastor advisor.

Rev. David Hicks is BSU director.

Names In The News

Rev. J. W. Baker, Jr., first-year student at Clarke College, has accepted the pastorate of Poplar Springs Church in Newton County. From Calhoun County, he is married to the former Martha Clark and is the father of four children, Myra, 14, Mike, 12, Debbie, 7, and Danny, 1. Mr. Baker was ordained to the ministry December 21 at his home church, Mt. Comfort, near Bruce.

Bobbie Sherman, senior at North-east High School, Jones County, was licensed to the gospel ministry in a December 15 service at Myrick Church, Jones County. He plans to attend Clarke College. Rev. M. H. Waltham, Myrick pastor, states, "He welcomes all opportunities to speak. Bobby has spoken at his church, at youth meetings and as a supply, and on school occasions. He can be reached at Route 4, Laurel, Miss. c/o La-velle Strickland (phone 428-9533)."

Rev. Jerry Patterson from New Orleans Seminary has accepted the pastorate of Jonestown Church, Riverside Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in the States for regular furlough (address: 4701 Gordon, Fort Worth, Tex., 76122). He is a native of Pontotoc, Miss.; she is the former Jean Carlisle, of Lucy, Tenn.

Mrs. Mattie Fairis died recently. Her children write from Florence that they wish to thank friends and neighbors for their offerings of flowers and food and many other kindnesses. They also offer thanks to Rev. Homer Ainsworth of Clinton and Rev. Oscar Byrd of Florence for their words of comfort, and to the employees of Baldwin Funeral Home of Crystal Springs.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Barron, missionaries who have completed orientation at Ridgecrest Assembly, are scheduled to leave January 10 for Ghana, where he will teach at Ghana Baptist Seminary (address: Ghana Baptist Seminary, P. O. Box 1, Abusawa, Accra, Ghana). Barron is in Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Barron grew up near Clarksdale, Miss.; Mrs. Barron, the former Linda Rierson, was born in Greensboro, N. C., but reared in Newport News, Va. He was pastor of Wickland Baptist Church, Bardonia, Ky., when they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in April, 1968.

Rev. David L. Sellers, graduate of Mississippi College and candidate for a Master of Theology degree at New Orleans Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Nebo Church, Route 2, Collinsville, where he will preach second, fourth and fifth Sundays. He is also pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Gore Spring. The son of Mrs. Esther Sellers and the late Mr. Sellers of the

Apopka, Florida, he has been evangelist for youth-led revivals in all sections of Mississippi. Last summer he attended the Baptist World Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland, and toured other cities in Europe, including Berlin.

Rev. and Mrs. L. David Wigger, missionaries who have completed orientation at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, were scheduled to leave for Vietnam December 27 (address: Box 46, Dalat, Vietnam). Born in St. Louis, Mo., son of a Baptist minister, Mr. Wigger moved often with his family during childhood; Mrs. Wigger, the former Barbara Jett, graduate of Blue Mountain College, was born in St. Louis and reared in Moberly, Mo.

Dr. Malcolm R. Knight, is pastor of Southside Church, Jacksonville, Florida, which last year led Florida Baptists in mission giving. When the annual report of mission giving by the churches of the Florida Baptist Convention was released by Dr. Harold Bennett, treasurer, Southside, Jacksonville was at the top of the list, with \$91,262.98. Mrs. Knight, wife of the pastor, is the former Casselle Middleton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Middleton of Eupora, Miss.



Gunther



Kornman

Biloxi Licenses Two

First Church, Biloxi, recently licensed to the gospel ministry Richard Gunther, and Al Kornman. Richard Gunther, native of New York, has been active in the First Church of Biloxi for several years. He is married to the former Barbara Whittenburg of Biloxi. He recently returned from New York, and is now a student at William Carey College.

Al Kornman grew up in Biloxi and has been active in youth activities in First Church. He is a student at William Carey College.

Rev. Larry Rohman is Biloxi pastor.



"Asia For Christ"

SINGAPORE — DR. STANLEY MOONEYHAM of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association addresses a session of the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism in Singapore. Some 1,100 lay and clerical delegates from 25 nations participated in the meeting sponsored by the Graham organization and called as a follow-up to the World Congress on Evangelism held in 1966. Dr. Mooneyham was coordinator-director of the Singapore gathering. A variety of languages announce the theme, "Asia for Christ." (BNS Photo)



Mini-Bus For Evangelism

KENNETH L. CHAFIN, Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., seated at left, and a group of student pastors show off one of two new mini-buses being used to transport the students to churches in the Detroit and Battle Creek areas of Michigan every weekend. The students are assisting new churches unable to support fulltime staffs with surveys, visitation, promotion, and preaching. The endeavor is sponsored by the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, for which \$500,000 is being sought as endowment in a national campaign which ends in June.

Baptists Sponsor Russian Broadcast

A Southern Baptist-sponsored Russian-language program is being beamed toward Moscow from a radio transmitter in Monte Carlo, Monaco, beginning January 6, 1969, and on successive Mondays. The 15-minute shortwave broadcasts, which go on the air at 5:30 p. m. Moscow time, have been arranged by the European Baptist Recording Studio in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and Trans-World Radio, Monte Carlo.

Funds for broadcast time are being provided by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board through the recording studio, reports Rev. John M. Wilkes, Southern Baptist missionary who is acting director of the Ruschlikon facility. Trans-World Radio is furnishing the transmitting service, and music for the program is being handled by TWR's Russian department.

George Zarubin, lay preacher, of Paris, France, is speaker for the

weekly broadcasts. Retired from the engineering profession and in his late seventies, he receives travel expenses for recording sessions from private donations.

European Baptist Recording Studio produces or sponsors broadcasts from Trans-World Radio in Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, French, Romanian, and Russian. The new Russian-language program is transmitted on the 31-meter band.



Public Affairs Leader

EXECUTIVE — John W. Baker is the newly appointed associate executive director and director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C. (BP)

R. W. Porter Retires

Leesburg Church honored Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Porter with a cash gift of five hundred dollars and other gifts at the time of his retirement in December.

A native of Winona, Mr. Porter was licensed to preach in 1924 by First Church, Clinton, while he was a student at Mississippi College. He was ordained in Victoria, Texas, and after a short pastorate in Texas he entered the seminary in New Orleans. His pastorates have been in Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi, with the greater part of his ministry in the area of the Mississippi Delta.

There are two kinds of grace: saving grace and disgrace.

Robert Coleman

Batesville Calls Minister Of Music

First Church, Batesville, Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor, announces that Robert M. Coleman will join the staff as director of music.

Born in Pineville, Louisiana, Mr. Coleman was in the Air Force for three years during World War II. He graduated from Tulane University and received his Bachelor of Church Music and Master of Church Music degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He has served as part-time Music Director in the First Church, Lecompte, Louisiana, LaJunta Church, Azle, Texas, and Immanuel Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Upon moving to Mississippi he served full-time with First Church, Tupelo, for two years and North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, for four and one-half years, from which church he moved to Batesville. He married Norma, daughter of Jonesville, Louisiana, who graduated from

state work in church music at Southwestern Seminary.

They have an eight-year-old son, Robert Lawton, and a six-year-old daughter, Laura Kirsten.

Robert Coleman

Lindsey In Holy Land

Rev. Brooks Lindsey is shown at left accepting from Carroll Mitchell, church treasurer, a check covering the expenses of a trip to the Holy Land and Rome, Italy. The check was a gift from Plantersville Church, where Lindsey is pastor. The tour left December 31, directed by Dr. Wayne Dehoney and Dr. Kenneth Chafin.

Little Texas Church, Riverside Association, seeing the "awful condition" of the association's movie screen, has started an offering to buy a new screen, according to Edward Burke, superintendent of missions.

Rev. Kelly Dampier

Called To Charleston

Rev. Kelly Dampier has accepted a call to become pastor of First Church, Charleston. He and Mrs. Dampier moved on the field from Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County.

Mr. Dampier entered the ministry at 19 and has pastored several churches in the state for the past 11 years. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary.

He is a native of New Hebron, and Mrs. Dampier is a native of Monticello. A reception was given at Charleston in their honor.

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(The above information, printed in last week's paper carried two incorrect dates. This is a correction of the errors.)

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New English Church Organized In Angola

An English-speaking Baptist church was organized December 8 in Luanda, Angola, with 16 charter members, reports Southern Baptist Missionary Harrison H. Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Pike are Southern Baptists' first fraternal representatives to Angola, a vast Portuguese province (twice the size of Texas) in southwestern Africa.

To be known as Community Baptist Church, the new congregation will assist the work of the two-year-old Portuguese-language church and will share its facilities. It will be a part of the Angolan Baptist convention, which is made up of eight churches and about 450 Baptists.

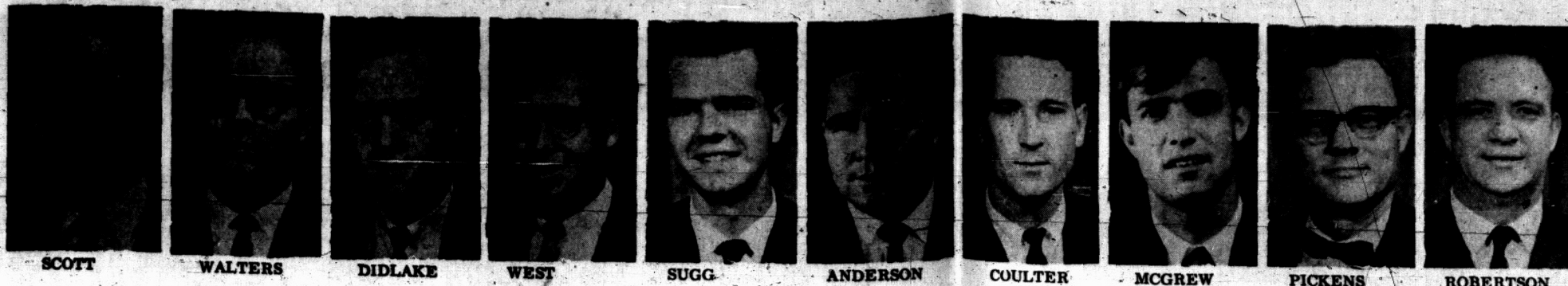
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Thirteen from Mississippi graduated at New Orleans Seminary on December 20. They were Ralph H. Scott, Orange Beach, Ala., pastor of Pioneer Church, Woodville, Th.M.; Honors Program; Charles Milford Walters, Greenville, Th.M.; Cecil Edward Hubbard (not pictured), Lyon, Th.M., Honors Program; Jimmy Ervin Didlake, Crystal Springs, M. R. E.; James E. Coney (not pictured), Magnolia, Th.M.; V. Daniel West, Jackson, Th.M.; Robert Perkins Sugg, Jr., Eupora, M. R. E.; Ken Marion Anderson, Philadelphia, Th.M.; John S. Coulter, Bassfield, Th. M.; Roger Farrell McGrew, Vossburg, M. R. E.; Richard W. Mullins (not pictured), Natchez, M. C. M.; Kenneth Wayne Pickens, Tupelo, Th.M.; Honors Program; and Carey E. Robertson, Columbia, Diploma in Theology.

Missionary Heads Honduran Baptists

For the first time in the history of the Honduras Baptist Convention, a missionary has been elected president. Rev. Arthur R. Haylock, second-term Southern Baptist missionary to Honduras, was unanimously elected during the November 25-28 convention sessions.

Delegates at the meeting also approved final plans of the national and regional coordinators of the Crusade of the Americas, a hemisphere-wide evangelistic campaign which reaches its climax in 1969. Rev. Rafael E. Castillo, national coordinator, presented plans for revivals in churches and missions and for projected new work in strategic parts of the country.

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Ministry On The Sabbath

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 1:21-45

Mark moved quickly into the account of Jesus' great Galilean ministry. He did record Jesus' calling two sets of brothers - Simon and Andrew, James and John - to be his companions in a full-time ministry. Jesus now moved from Nazareth to Capernaum and henceforth made that important city the center of his work, though he went out on repeated tours among the villages and cities of the province. Capernaum was on an important trade route. The people of Galilee were more open-minded than the people of Judea. Thus Galilee served as a better base for Jesus' ministry.

The Lesson Explained

JESUS THE TEACHER (vv. 21-23)

Jesus, according to custom, went to the synagogue on the sabbath. Doubtless rumors had already spread about him as a person, about miracles he had already performed, and about the impact of his preaching and teaching. Quite naturally he would be invited to speak in the synagogue service. But quickly his hearers noted something different. His teaching was so unlike that of the scribes. He was not repeating worn-out phrases. He was not quoting prominent rabbis as authorities. He was not stressing rules and regulations and ceremonies. He was saying things that made plain the deeper meanings of the Law and the Prophets, that made God real, and that laid bare hypocrisy and dishonesty and impurity and pride. The persons in the synagogue became aware of the moral demands of God and the reality of his love for sinful men.

LORD OVER DEMONS (vv. 23-26)

One man in the synagogue, with an unclean spirit, felt the reality of a personal encounter with Jesus. The evil spirit reacted to Jesus with understanding that he was "the Holy One of God," and with fear, "Art thou come to destroy us?" We cannot be dogmatic about what it meant to

have an unclean spirit. At least, an evil power within him caused him to have a deranged and degraded mind in an unusual way. The man thus felt his conflict with the One who was the Lord over demons and over all evil. He knew that he was subject to the power of Jesus. And this was confirmed as Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and commanded him to come out of the man. The people looking on sensed again the authority of Jesus.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN (vv. 23-34)

Mark notes that Jesus went "immediately" from the synagogue to the house of Simon and Andrew. "Immediately" will occur again and again - characteristic of the action and urgency in Mark's account of Jesus' ministry. Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law, who was sick with a fever, so that she was immediately able to join in the hospitality of serving the guests. Then at sundown which marked the end of the sabbath, many sick persons and demon-possessed persons were brought to Simon's house, to the Great Physician. He healed them, whatever the disease, and liberated the persons in the power of demons, not even allowing the demons to speak in acknowledgment of his messiahship, which - at that time - would have hindered his work.

Truths to Live By

The great Teacher must become our teacher. He comes to us today, not in earthly form as in the synagogue in Capernaum, but in the truth of the Christian gospel and in the person of the Holy Spirit. His teaching rings with authority, which people have ignored and rejected.

The teaching of Jesus clashes with pride and greed and lawlessness and war and lust and prejudice and hate; it clashes with the denial of God, the desecration of personality, and indifference toward man's desperate plight in the power of evil. Jesus Christ is the teacher for the centuries, and he is completely at home in the twentieth century!

Prayer should accompany work.

For every Christian prayer is a necessity. Every day he needs a fresh awareness of the reality and goodness and power of God. He needs a fresh experience of cleansing and renewal through God's forgiveness and for God's purpose. The Christian needs a fresh experience of Christlike compassion that will enable him to care for the persons around him, whatever their attitude or condition or degree of depravity. The Christian needs courage to face danger, strength to endure hardship, willingness to serve in lonely and hard places, ability to relate to all kinds of persons with openness and love, and enthusiasm and zeal for every task undertaken in the name of Christ.

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Man's Resistance: The Folly Of Idolatry

Isaiah 44:6-20
By Bill Duncan

The record of God's revelation is given, but the response is marred with man's resistance. The resistance of man toward God has driven him to make substitutes that have become his gods. These gods have not profited man but they have become his downfall. The sin of mankind has primarily been against God who wants fellowship and worship. Those idols could never give anything or do anything for the worshiper. Until the worshipers come to realize this they will worship the true God.

Who Is Like Unto God? 6-8

Before one can consider the folly of idolatry, he must consider God and his attributes. In comparison to other idols there is little difference, but in comparison to the true God there is NO comparison. Isaiah said, "I am the first and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." Is there a God beside me? Yes, there is no God; I know not any."

Christianity like Judaism has taught us not only is Jehovah one God but that he is the only God. The other nations might worship other gods, but this does not make the gods real. God that we worship is a God of love, not one we should fear. He wants our respect of love, but we do not have anything to fear. As the Lord of Israel he was King, sovereign, and the Redeemer, Saviour. This was what the people of Israel failed to see. They wanted God to give them everything, but they failed to respond as they should. God wanted their respect, faith for their salvation, and their witness. The world needed Israel to tell what kind of God they worshipped. This was their mission in this world.

The message of Israel was that there is no God like Israel. He alone was able to rule, reign, and redeem.

Who Can Make A God? 9-20

This passage goes into great detail to deplore the worship of idols. The writer asks who has ever made a god that is profitable for nothing.

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WATCH

By Paul Harrell, Associate
Brotherhood Department
Mark 12:35-37

The word "watch" summarizes the actions of approximately two-thirds of a person's day or life. For according to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary it has the connotations of being awake; to keep a vigil; to be attentive; to heed; to be on the lookout; and to establish measures or precautions.

Jesus Christ spoke this word most often to his disciples, and in this text He speaks it also to the whole world. "What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch." It is a word that He spoke with increasing frequency, as He drew near His death. These thirteenth and fourteenth chapters of Mark record the events of the two days immediately preceding His arrest, and after His arrest He had no real opportunity of extended talk with His disciples, so that these chapters really contain His final teachings. Throughout both chapters the one word "watch" keeps recurring like the note of a drum.

If we read on through the rest of the New Testament, we shall see that this word of the Master's was like a match which set flame to the whole Christian church during the first generation of its life. In almost every New Testament book we keep hearing the same drum note. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong," so writes Paul to Corinth. "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same," he writes to Colossae. "Let us watch and be sober," he writes to Thessalonica. While writing to Ephesus Paul states, "Praying always . . . and watching

thereunto with all perseverance." "Watch thou in all things," was his admonition to Timothy.

It is important to note that in most of Christ's sayings the object towards which we are to direct our watchfulness is not His future appearing (as important as that is), but our present state and task. The crisis may come at any time, yet the way to prepare for it is not to be all the time on the lookout for it but rather each time so to attend to the work we have in hand that our Lord, when He comes, will find us doing His will.

Herein are stated three things for which He desires us to be directly on the watch:

The first is opportunity. Men have always known that opportunity comes only to those who are alert for its appearance. Many opportunities are present now for proclaiming the Gospel through the great Crusade of the Americas as we bring to life the theme, "Christ the Only Hope."

Jesus saw opportunities as they were revealed through human need. He had only to hear the sob of a bruised heart. He had only to see a human body racked with pain, or a home stricken, or a life broken, or a soul going needlessly astray, in order to be aware of the divine call to service. Let us also be alert to the opportunities that are before us during the year 1969.

The second thing for which Jesus Christ bids us to be on the watch is temptation. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Prayer is the soul's vigil. It is the most effective of all vigils. The devil has never such difficulty with us as when he finds us praying. It was said that the Battle of Waterloo was really won, not on a plain in Brabant, but on the playing fields of Eton. So it is that sin is conquered, not in the moment of temptation but in the long prayerful discipline that precedes it.

The third thing for which Jesus desires us to be on the watch is truth. For truth, no less than opportunity and security, is given only to the vigilant. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," said Jesus again and again. God is more willing to speak than we are to listen. He speaks to those who daily would read the Bible, and ponder its contents.

Thus, let the year 1969 be one in which we heed the admonition of our Lord when He said, "Watch ye . . ."

Poplar Springs Builds Large Pastorium

REV. BILLY T. McDANIEL, principal of Vardaman Elementary School, and pastor of Poplar Springs Church, Calhoun County, lives in this new pastorium. The spacious brick home, appraised at \$17,500, cost the Poplar Springs members \$14,000, and now they owe only \$300. The centrally heated and air-conditioned house has three bedrooms, two baths, living and dining area, kitchen, large carport, utility room, and pastor's study. Planning Committee: E. G. Lilies, Mrs. W. T. Burt, Fate Hardin, Mrs. W. J. Logan, David Bray. Finance Committee: D. R. Davis, W. T. Burt, Joe Logan. Building Committee: Sterlin Murphree, and the builders, J. W. Foshee, and W. E. "Bill" Fleming.



Dr. Dunford Premieres

Dr. Benjamin Dunford, professor of music at William Carey College, spends hours at his piano composing. He has just completed his 25th composition to be accepted for publication on December 15, "The Unspeakable Gift" was premiered by the Youth Choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Columbia. Under the direction of the church's music director, William Chance, Dr. Dunford was earlier commissioned to produce the cantata especially for their Christmas performance. The work made use of a student brass and percussion choir from the Univ. of Southern Mississippi, as well as 55 voices of the church's youth choir.



West Point Cadets Get Bibles

The 100th anniversary of the annual presentation of Bibles by the American Tract Society, Oradell, N. J., to incoming cadets was commemorated recently at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Special speaker was the well-known evangelist Billy Graham with Stephen E. Slocum, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Society, making the actual presentations. This significant ministry was instituted by the American Tract Society in 1869, when Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States and has been observed yearly since. The gold embossed Bibles are highly prized by the Cadets. Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mathew Ridgeway, William Westmoreland, James B. Lamport and the present Superintendent of the Academy, Major General Samuel W. Koster, are among the many graduates of the Academy still in possession of theirs.



BMC Elects May Queen

First elections for the feature section of the composing. He has just completed his 25th MOUNTAINER yearbook of Blue Mountain College were the May Queen, left, Sandra Starmer of Blue Mountain and Rome, Italy, and right, the Maid of Honor, Rose Horn of Jackson, Tenn. Queen Sandra and Maid of Honor, Rose, will reign as principal participants of the 1968-69 sessions' May Festival. Miss Starmer's parents are missionaries to Rome, Italy.



William Carey Gets \$2,000

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE President J. Ralph Noonkester (right) smiles as he accepts a check from Howard Bowie on behalf of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The check is an unrestricted gift of \$2,000 to Carey College and is a part of a \$1 million total being given this month by Sears-Roebuck to private colleges and universities across the nation.

Baptist Planners Seek Coordination

By Roy Jennings

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist planners took a major step here toward coordinating the activities of the 11-million-member denomination for the 1969-73 period.

As the final action of the first Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference, the 1969 Baptist leaders endorsed enthusiastically a 16-point report giving guidelines for future cooperative planning by association, state convention and Southern Baptist Convention groups.

The five-day meeting drew representatives from almost 600 Baptist associations, 30 Baptist state conventions and 20 agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

One of the main purposes of the conference was to carry out a 4-year-old request of the Southern Baptist Convention to coordinate better the activities of the denomination.

In meetings at War Memorial Auditorium, Baptist Sunday School Board, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee building, and local hotels, representatives made detailed plans for 1969-70 and long range plans for 1970-73.

The report summing up the conference, entitled "Praying, Planning and Promoting for the '70's," was prepared by the top 50 leaders of state Baptist conventions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and associational representatives.

While citing the independent characteristics of Southern Baptists, minimizing theological differences, and emphasizing areas of agreement, the report called for continued long-range denominational planning on a cooperative basis during the next 10 years, with special attention to social action and evangelism.

The report commended the involvement of lay persons in missions through Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union, at the same time calling for more lay participation and strong support of the Crusade of the Americas in 1969.

In the area of evangelism, the report identified targets of the Christian message as all persons, regardless of culture, race, or other differences. It mentioned particularly the need to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of people during the 1970's.

The Baptist leaders identified six other basic needs in addition to more action by lay people. They included acceptance of change, practical programs, unity in common beliefs, greater cooperation among Baptist groups, and more representative planning.

At the same time the leaders sought to caution planners at four points. They were to continue to work hard, recognize the value of teamwork but not as a substitute for individual enterprise, avoid coercing groups to accept planning ideas, and to recognize the current emphasis on social action as the moving hand of God while not obscuring the fact that God's mission is the redemption of man through Jesus Christ.

"We see no conflict between the Good Samaritan attitude toward the world and the basic proclamation of the gospel of Christ to lost men," the report said.



Blue Mountain's Freshman BSU Council

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Lowrey Memorial Welcomes The Halls

Alvin G. Hall, shown at a churchwide reception honoring Mr. Hall and his family are members of the church social committee greeting Mrs. Alvin G. Hall. Left to right: Mrs. Glenn Owen, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Nola Newcomb, Mrs. J. H. Guyton, Mrs. E. E. Mitchell, Mrs. L. D. Sneed, and Mrs. Harold Fisher, wife of President E. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain College.



'Most Outstanding'

FOLLOWING HIS HOMECOMING-EVE CONCERT on the William Carey College campus Friday evening, Dec. 13, Dr. Sidney Buckley (left) was presented with the "Most Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award by President J. Ralph Noonkester. Dr. Buckley is now associate professor of music at Furman University. He was for several years minister of music at Gulfport's First Church.

Off The Record

UNWANTED ADVICE

The young lady obviously needed help, else she would never be able to park her car between the other two. "Turn the wheel hard to the left," advised a passing pedestrian. "Easy now. . . Straighten it out. . . That's it. Now you're parked!"

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Female logic: "Just admit that I'm gay!"

Supposition was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a case of humor to console him for what he is.



MR. AND MRS. DUNAWAY with their five grandchildren, all boys (the three in their laps and the two young men seated near the pulpit.) The man sitting to the left in the picture is a neighbor and long-time friend, W. L. Davis, a deacon of Eudora Church. The five men standing in the background: Rev. Alvin Kitchens, who had been helping the Oak Grove Church in their Wednesday night services; Rev. A. D. Taylor, a former pastor; Rev. Wayne Webb, a former pastor; Rev. W. L. Gardner, a former pastor; and Rev. John Adair, the present pastor.

Oak Grove, DeSoto, Honors "Mr. Jake"

C. M. Dunaway, affectionately called "Mr. Jake" Dunaway, was honored Nov. 6 on his 72nd birthday by his church, Oak Grove Rt. 1 Hernando. Mr. Dunaway joined this church, at the age of 18, in 1912, and has been a member there ever since. He has served in many places of leadership . . . deacon, song leader, S. S. Sup.

In 1960, the DeSoto Baptist Association held the "Fathers of the Faith" award. This special award is given to a layman each year who has been faithful in his own church and also served in some way in the association. "Mr. Jake" had served as a

sociational clerk for 26 years and as several associational committees serving as Chairman of the Temperance Committee this past year, according to Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions for DeSoto County.

Several church leaders planned a "surprise" party for Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway on his birthday.

Mr. Dunaway has many experiences of his life. Several former pastors, friends and church members gathered around him as they testified of the blessing this man had been to them. An electric blanket was presented as a gift to the Dunaways from the church and a reception followed the program.